



UP Church

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April 2025

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday April 13th

Regular Schedule

Maundy Thursday April 17th

6:30pm Fellowship Hall

Good Friday April 18th

Office Closed

Easter Sunday April 20th

7am Sunrise Worship at Sunset Park, with communion

8am Breakfast at Church

8:45am Sunday School

10am Worship, with communion

Church Contacts

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Office Hours

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

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Secretary/Treasurer

Krystle Moore
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Organist

Virginia Bordwell
Virginia@washingtontitle.org



From the Pastor...

Friends,

As we have walked through the wilderness over the past 4 weeks, I have seen and experienced God's presence in so many ways - in the excitement of the Christian Education Committee as we've continued to host JAM Kids monthly, in the joy and laughter of the participants of our first intergenerational Church Family Mission Trip, in the constant busy activity in the church building - worship, Sunday School, youth groups, handbell choir, outside groups, and in so many other ways. I am thankful that God shows up for us, and that we are going to celebrate Easter in just a few weeks - the ultimate way God showed up for each of us. I invite you to continue sharing ways you see God's presence, and to invite others along on the journey.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin

Honor or Remember a Loved One at Easter!

This Easter we will have plants to decorate the Sanctuary. After Easter worship they will be delivered to church friends and family members who are at home. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of or in honor of someone, either stop in the office or call. The names of those honored or remembered will be on slides Easter Sunday.

The cost is \$12 each.

The dead line to turn in a form and payment is April 7th.

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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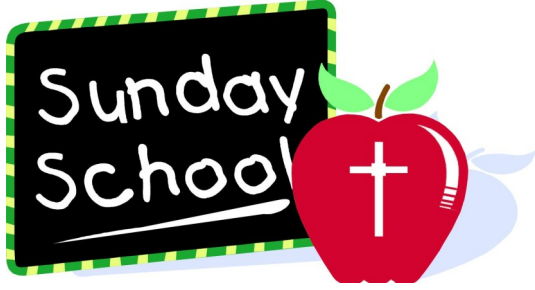
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April Highlights

- 2nd Jam Kids
- 2nd Praise Café/Dessert Auction
- 4th Church Family Trivia Night
- 7th UP Home Communion
- 7th Worship Meeting
- 7th Welcome Meeting
- 9th PW Circle at UP Home
- 14th Deacon Meeting

- 14th CE Meeting
- 15th Finance
- 16th Session
- 17th Maundy Thursday
- 18th Good Friday
- 20th Easter
- 20th Communion
- 21st Sewing Day
- 22nd Finance Planning Meeting
- 27th Confirmation Sunday



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: Middle School Room
- 9th - 12th grades: Youth Room

Youth Groups

Middle School

Sundays, 3:30pm @ UP Church

High School

Sundays, 6:30pm @ UP Church

No Youth Groups on Easter Sunday



Friday, April 4th

Everyone Welcome

5:30pm

Bring your favorite snack or finger food to share!
Drinks and tableware provided.



The office will be closed on April 18th (Good Friday) in observance of Easter.



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.

- 2 Joe Wright
- 2 Bonnie Bender
- 2 Anne Youngman
- 8 Breck Keller
- 9 Erin Kaye
- 11 Rob Johnson
- 12 Payton Anderson

- 12 John Dillon
- 12 Michael Dillon
- 13 Ann Conklin
- 13 Carolyn Bollman
- 13 Dalton Rich
- 15 Tyler Alderton
- 16 Laurie Davison

- 17 Rita Phipps
- 19 Joyce Wilson
- 21 Thelma Wagner
- 25 Brad Alderton
- 25 Jordan Thorius
- 26 Joyce Crawford
- 26 Jack Strabala





Son City

Son City has been busy continuing our study of Genesis. We finished Abraham and Sarah and their son Isaac. We then learned about Isaac's twin sons Esau and Jacob. We watched videos, acted their story out, and talked about how God helps us change our ways and forgive others. We're now studying Jacob's 12 sons, including Joseph and his colorful coat. Younger students in the class decorated a white robe to use in our play about Joseph's life.

With the help of the Middle School class, we tied two little blankets to give to our nursery. When we tied the two pieces of fabric, it represented the two brothers (Esau and Jacob) getting back together. Jane Cuddeback helped us with the blanket project. Alicia Andrews is now helping Julie Zahs in Son City.

Julie Zahs

Jam Kids

JAM kids met March 12 after school. The kids were greeted with smiling faces and yummy snacks. Approximately 25 elementary age children played a relay game and learned how to play "snake" and then continued downstairs to learn about the meaning of Lent and Ash Wednesday through an object lesson using ashes, bread, a stone, praying hands, and an angel. Ask your kids if they remember what each has to do with the story. A fun craft also helped explain why we celebrate this season. The afternoon wound down (or more accurately "up") with a rousing session of handbells and singing. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success! We hope to see your youngster again on April 2 for the next JAM kids. Have them invite a friend!




SCUBA VBS

JULY 6-9

- ✓ Time: 5:15-7:45pm
- ✓ Light meal and snacks
- ✓ Faith and Friendship!
- ✓ Free Will Donation

WHO: COMPLETED PRE K- 5TH

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MORE INFO
319-653-6588

Registration Opens Late April



Senior High update:

The senior high are busy planning their summer mission trip. To help fund this event, there will be a dessert auction in conjunction with the April 2nd Praise Cafe. Come to enjoy some fellowship and good food, and to support the senior high youth. Please rsvp so we know how much food to prepare. You can rsvp by going to the church website, using the qr code below, or calling the church office and we will assist you.

YOU'RE INVITED!

PRAISE CAFE

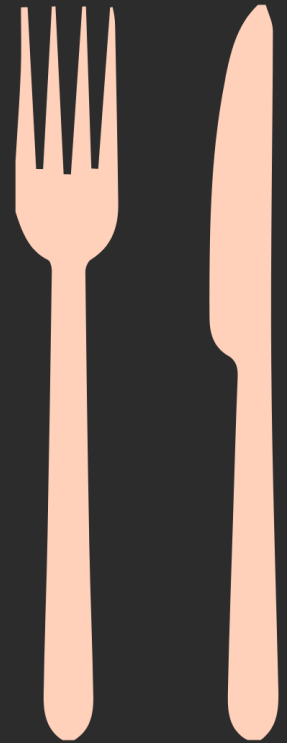
April 2nd 5:15 - 5:45 pm

DESSERT AUCTION

April 2nd 5:45 - 6:15 pm

This will be our annual Dessert Auction to support the high school mission trip in June. Please come and support these high school students!

RSVP @ upcwash.org or



Easter Sunday

7am – Sunrise Worship at Sunset Park

Large Pavilion with Communion

8am – Breakfast at Church

8:45am – Sunday School

**10am – Worship in Sanctuary
with Communion**





Blessings We Gave:

We are a blessing to the over 20 kids who came to JAM Kids early March.

We're grateful to the kids, and to our UPC family members who helped plan the days' activities and prepare the Praise Café family meal.

We are a blessing to Candice Betsworth who uses our Promise Park space in the lower level to offer Yoga classes two or three times a month.

We are a blessing as we transport over 130 Disaster, Cleaning Buckets to Fern Cliff Disaster Center in Little Rock, Arkansas as part of our 2025 UPC Inter-Generational Mission Trip. Our church family filled about 35 buckets and the other 100 or so came from within our Eastern Iowa Presbytery.



Blessings We Received:

We are blessed to have had Brenda Miles, Cory Canny and Pastor Erin travel to VA to attend the Building 4 Hope seminar, learning ways that we can share even more of ourselves and our facilities to others within our community.

We are so blessed patient and encouraging Tom McNamar is willing to direct our newly-formed, bells group once again. He even called Pastor Erin before we had a chance to call him concerning his directing our group playing bells on Easter!

We are blessed to have had a UPC group of volunteers prepare and serve our March Praise Café meal consisting of sliders, chips, fruit, veggies and homemade desserts. It was delicious and we have Megan Alderton, Jane Cuddeback, April Cuddeback, Alicia Andrews and others to thank for so willingly serving those of us in attendance.

2025 Session Members

Class of 2025
Roger Miles
Carrie Septer
Katie Lujan
Julie Johnson (clerk)

Class of 2026
Nick Shelman
Rick Bordwell
Cyrus Andrews
Tanya Stalder

Class of 2027
April Cuddeback
Christy Buccholz
Tork Whisler
Tracy Strabala

Session Member Spotlights



Roger Miles:

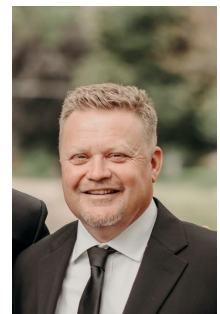
I am married to Brenda. I have four children two by a previous marriage. I am retired sometimes, I think? I have gone on many mission trips over the years, each one is special and I love helping those in need.

Tork Whisler:

I am married to Tricia and we have two adult sons Clay and Sawyer.

We farm and raise hogs north of town.

I podcast and YouTube creator as a hobby. I enjoy working with my kids and naps.





We host on the dates listed throughout the year:

June 7th

June 21st U.P. Pathfinders' Sunday School Class

Sept 27th

Nov 1st UP Youth, Fareway

Nov 29th U.P. Families of Faith Sunday School Class

Dec 20th

Dec 29th Joint Hosts



U.P. Church Family,

I am long past due in giving thanks to the Session and congregation for your willingness to host the SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) program at United Presbyterian Church. The welcome and hospitality are very much appreciated by me and our clients. During this past Open Enrollment Period I met with more than 275 individuals and couples to help them review their current coverage for Medicare or to sign up and learn about the Medicare system and offerings as they approach their 65th birthdays or leave insurance coverage from an employer or other source. Because SHIP is a nonprofit organization, funded primarily by donations and grants, we track the savings we uncover for people we assist. Those statistics assist us in our grant applications. In just this one location, an aggregate total of over \$500,000 in savings was reported from October to December of 2024. In my mind, that's a whole lot of good news! Thanks for being an important part of bringing it to seniors in Washington and surrounding counties.

Thank you

Kitch Shatzer



Help, Help!



Washington Spokebuster's Bike Club needs hosts for overnight stays on Ragbrai!

If you have friends, relatives, acquaintances or neighbors who have friends, relatives or acquaintances in the Ragbrai overnight towns of Orange City, Milford, Estherville, Forest City, or Oelwein we would love to chat with you or them about hosting our club. We don't need much: just a place to set up 20 tents, park a bus, and a van and have access to a bathroom. We don't need bedding, food etc. If you can help us please reach out to Julie Johnson (319-461-0109) or Nick Reed (319-653-6901)

Thank you!



Food Boxes donated to
HACAP in 2025:

98



The end of Feb represents 16.7% of the year. Our income came in at 15.74%
Our expenses came in at 19.71%



Articles for the May Newsletter are due
Friday, April 18th