



March 2025



Ash Wednesday
March 5th
Meal 5:15-5:45pm
Service at 6pm

Church Contacts

P.O. Box 32
209 E Main Street
Washington, IA, 52353
319-653-6588
Upcwash.org

Office Hours

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

Pastor Erin Kaye

pastorerinkaye@gmail.com
319-461-8765

Secretary/Treasurer

Krystle Moore
upsecretary@gmail.com

Organist

Virginia Bordwell
Virginia@washingtontitle.org



From the Pastor...

Friends,

Lent begins in the wilderness. The Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle. Yet, in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for his ministry. Similarly, through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit. We rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but hopefully through our wandering we remember who we are and whose we are.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. You are invited to explore the theme of wilderness with tangible elements, poetry, scripture, and song. Together we will create wilderness vase displays.



Blessings,
Pastor Erin

Ash Wednesday
March 5th
Meal
5:15-5:45pm
Service 6pm
Fellowship Hall



Daylight Savings Time

**Don't forget to
move your
clocks forward
on Mar 8th
before bed!**



Church Family Mission Trip

March 19-23rd

Several church members will be going on a mission trip to Ferncliff Arkansas. They will pack flood buckets, transport the buckets we have made and collected, and help with other projects at the camp.



Please keep these individuals in your thoughts and prayers during this trip.



March Highlights

2nd Communion
 3rd UP Home Communion
 3rd Deacon Meeting
 3rd Worship Meeting
 3rd Welcome Meeting
 5th Jam Kids

5th Praise Café
 5th Ash Wednesday Service
 10th CE Meeting
 12th PW Circle
 17th Sewing Day
 18th Finance
 26th Session



1 Jack Carter
 1 Gabe Bruns
 1 Kaelyn Johnson
 4 Sophia Kleese
 4 Isabella Lujan
 4 Cory Canny
 5 Tom Hunt

7 Angie Schluetter
 7 Jordan Youngman
 9 Virginia Bordwell
 11 Connie Jarrard
 12 Traci Stewart
 13 Jacob Miles
 15 Lila De Penning
 22 Marde McConnell
 22 Russ Woods
 22 Sandra Krotz
 25 Judy Murphy
 26 Leland Saforek
 26 Ava Bryant
 27 Roger Miles
 28 Brenda Miles



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

Youth Groups

Middle School

Sundays, 3:30pm @ UP Church

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.

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

Offering
 Giving Back
 To God



Blessings We Gave:

We were a blessing to Hospice once again in 2025! Their huge Soup Supper and Auction Fund Raiser took place in February and was again, a big success. They're so grateful for the use of our space.

We were a blessing to all those who attended the 2025 Washington Free Public Library, Fiber Arts, Quilt Walk. During this three-day event in February, our pews were covered with many beautiful and varied quilts. Each was hand-made by someone in our area, and each quilt had an interesting and informational piece accompanying it.

During Thursday of the Quilt Walk we hosted Impact Center's February Blood Drive. What a busy day at the church! Blood donors and center workers and volunteers enjoyed having the opportunity to view these creations, too! What a blessing for us to be able to share our facility for both events!

Blessings We Received:

We are blessed to have had Marde McConnell update the pictures on the bulletin boards across from the church offices. Great job Marde!

We are blessed to have had Jane Cuddeback volunteer to create our lovely, January and February Fellowship Hall bulletin boards. We're so grateful for Jane's time, creativity and commitment to this "welcoming piece" for all who enter our church. We appreciate you, Jane!

We are blessed Leland Saforek recently shared his expertise and "non-fear" of heights. He moved all the great-looking, youth, Mission Trip photos from the youth room to the walls of the east entrance stairway. It's a very impressive gallery of kids' and adults' photos, each showing individuals Loving God and Loving Others on UPC Mission Trips through the years. Thanks, Leland!

We're blessed Tork Whisler and Nick Shelman, the latter in an "advisory role," are committed to repairing our industrial, kitchen dishwasher. So far one bad part has been replaced and another part is on order. We're grateful for their time in being problem solvers. We're also grateful for the understanding and flexibility of our Saturday Kitchen Hosts and others as we work to solve this mechanical problem.



Thank you all for the wonderful gift of diapers, wipes and homemade freezer meals that were given to us! It has been a huge help to us, and we appreciate all the prayers as well.

Jordan, Anne, Jayden, Jules & Jensen Youngman

Thank you



Thanks Son City Kids and Others!

We have a lovely new piece of art work, thanks to our UPC kids. Julie Zahs (K-5th grade S.S. teacher) and Marde McConnell (Nursery/Pre-School S.S. teacher) were talking and the idea for this Love God Love Others project was formed. Marde and Joe painted the large wooden frame, which had been donated to the church years ago and was looking for a purpose.



Julie collected the materials for the kids (even the littles) to do the paint marbling and our idea became a project. Some middle school kids helped too, with the letter cutting and laminating.

Please, check out the special, finished project in the library, this will be its first home, before probably moving downstairs to the Sunday School area.

Son City.... K-5

In February we continued in the book of Genesis to study Abraham and Sarah. We did a play about them, where a person stood behind the character, and used their arms for that character. (The Sunday School program we use has some clever plays for the kids to do.) It was fun watching Sarah knead dough for bread and Abraham feed himself food. Then Sarah super laughed when baby Isaac was born. The HS and MS kids came to watch. Our next lesson was about Isaac's sons Jacob and Esau, and dealt with God helping us make things right.

For our Valentine activity, the kids frosted and decorated cut out cookies.... using pink and white frosting, sprinkles, various candies to give to their families. We were sharing our love with others. We even took some to a few folks at the church, including the preschool class! We loved their preschool thank you note. And, of course they each made one cookie for themselves to eat.

Karla Maxwell loaned us her DVD *Snoodle's Tale*. Its a clever story about how we must not let others put us down and make us feel badly about ourselves. God loves us and created us each special/unique. We need to always remember that!

It's a joy to have so many wonderful kids in our class. I appreciate their kindness and helpfulness. Parents, thank you for sharing them with us.

Julie Zahs and Autumn Frost.



JAM Kids (Jesus and Me)



Join us for an afterschool program focused on sharing God's love with children through stories, music, crafts, & fellowship!

DETAILS:

- ✓ March 5th & April 2nd
- ✓ 3:30 - 5:15 pm
- ✓ Kindergarten - 5th Grade
- ✓ United Presbyterian Church
- ✓ Transportation from Stewart & Lincoln provided

Dinner with free will offering to follow 5:15 - 5:45 pm



REGISTER HERE:
www.upcwash.org



ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
CONTACT KRYSTLE TO SIGN UP

 **UPChurch**
Love God. Love Others.



YOU'RE INVITED!

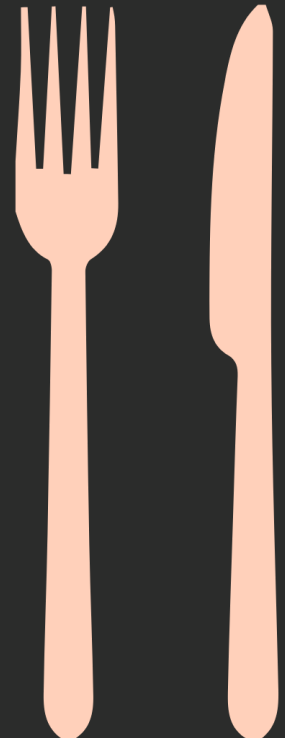
PRAISE CAFE

March 5th 5:15 - 5:45 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 5th 6:00 pm

RSVP @ upcwash.org or





Kids are you going to Church Camp this summer?

The church will pay half of the tuition for a Christian Camp

For example: Crooked Creek or Camp Bear Creek
Contact the office for more information

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

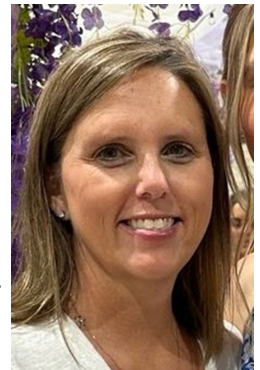
Session Member Spotlights

April Cuddeback:

I am married to Jeff.

We have three daughters Peyton Anderson (husband Kyle), Sydney, and Halle.

I love the ISU Cyclones, watching football, travel, and spending time with my children.




Tanya Stalder:

I'm married to Randy for 30 years (this year).

We have 25 year old twins Austin and Baylee and gaining a son in law, Brad, this July.

My hobbies include camping quilting, and spending time with family and friends.





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 Members,


You made such a difference, and it is so deeply appreciated. We are so appreciative of you and your church! We appreciate everything!

From members of the Chosen Ones Choir



To the UP Church,

Thank you for allowing the Family Connection to hold our Holiday Party in your community and gathering space. We had 18 families attend and all seemed to have a wonderful time! Community partnerships like yours are becoming more and more important to small family programs like ours.




Thank you again!
 Sincerely,
 The Family Connection Team

Feel Free To Join Each Thursday

Each Thursday some of our church families, friends, and acquaintances have a fun time for a couple of hours and a light meal at the church. While the core group is several parents and their kids from our church family, the event is open to anyone! Visitors and friends and any church family folks are encouraged to attend. Once it warms up enough the group will start visiting the local parks again.


The event is loosely arranged, bring food or not, and come any time after 4pm for a time for adults to visit and kids to enjoy our toys and space. Ask Krystle at the church office if you want more information.




Food Boxes donated to HACAP in 2025:

65

We are in charge of Meals on Wheels for the month of April. In mid March a sign-up will be available for anyone interested in this volunteer service.





**The end of Jan represents 8.3% of the year. Our income came in at 9.32%
 Our expenses came in at 7.44%**



Articles for the April Newsletter are due Friday, March 21st