

# UPChurch

*Love God. Love Others.*

May 2025

**For lo, the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on  
the earth; the time of  
singing has come, and  
the voice of the  
turtledove is heard in our  
land.**

**Song of Solomon 2:11-12**



#### Church Contacts

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319-653-6588  
[Upcwash.org](http://Upcwash.org)

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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

#### Pastor Erin Kaye

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#### Secretary/Treasurer

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Virginia Bordwell  
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## **We are hiring!**

After discussions within session and Christian Education Committee meetings it has been decided to advertise and hire a Youth Coordinator. The primary focus of this position will be planning youth programming and facilitating Christian Education. This will be a contract position without specified hours. Related experience would be preferred. The full position description is available on the church website at [upcwash.org](http://upcwash.org). If you might know of someone who would be interested in this please direct them to the church website.



## **Per capita**

### **What is it?**

A set amount of money per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church.

### **What is it used for?**

It helps to fund the legislative and judicial functions of the church.

### **Why is it important?**

These funds are the primary source of support for the office of the General Assembly.

### **How much is per capita?**

For 2024 per capita is \$45 per church member.

### **How do I pay this?**

You can pay this by either dropping a check off or mailing it into the office.  
(Make sure you state on the memo line it is for per capita)

**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:*  
United Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 32  
Washington, Iowa 52353

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Giving Back  
To God

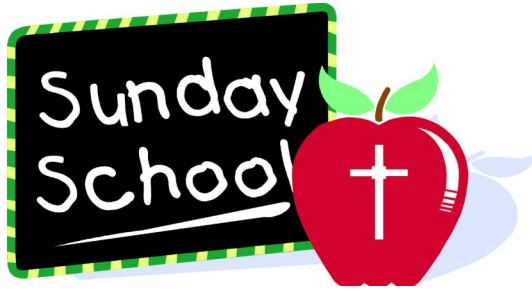




## May Highlights

4th Communion  
 4th Congregational Meeting  
 5th UP Home Communion  
 5th Worship Meeting  
 5th Welcome Meeting  
 8th Mission Committee Meeting

11th Senior Sunday  
 12th CE Meeting  
 14th PW Circle at UP Home  
 18th Just Us Girls in Worship  
 19th Sewing Day  
 20th Finance  
 21st Session  
 25th Memorial Day



### 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

**Last day of Sunday School:**

**May 18th**

**Will resume in the fall**

**Enjoy your summer!**



### **Senior Sunday**

May 11th  
 10am During Worship  
 Presentation of Scholarships  
 Reception to Follow

### **Youth Groups**

#### **Middle School**

Sundays, 3:30pm @ UP Church

#### **High School**

Sundays, 6:30pm @ UP Church

**Last day of youth groups: May 18th**



**The office will be closed on  
 May 26th in observance of  
 Memorial 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.

4 David Schluetter  
 4 Mary Saforek  
 4 Raina El Haoud  
 10 Dayton Schluetter  
 11 Matt Schiebel  
 11 Annabelle Septer  
 13 Jane Cuddeback  
 14 Dale Spencer  
 15 Andy McCall

16 Elyse Hunt  
 17 Sophie El Haoud  
 17 Terry O'Neill  
 23 Keaton Murphy  
 25 Paulette Twinam  
 26 Dana Conklin  
 29 Jane Fehr  
 29 Tork Whisler



## Senior Spotlights



### Halle Cuddeback

Daughter of Jeff and April Cuddeback

**Future Plans:** I will be attending Iowa State University and am majoring in sports management.

### Tyler Alderton

Son of Brad and Megan Alderton

**Future Plans:** To attend Iowa State University and study architecture.



### Isabella Lujan

Daughter of Katie Lujan

**Future Plans:** To attend Creighton University and major in nursing with the hope of pursuing a career as a Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner.





# 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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**How to Register:**

**319-653-6588**  
**upcwash.org**



**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 Milford, Estherville, 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:**

**161**

Thank you to everyone that  
helped with delivering Meals on  
Wheels for the month of April!



The end of Mar represents 25% of the  
year. Our income came in at 23.27%  
Our expenses came in at 25.71%



Articles for the June  
Newsletter are due  
Friday, May 23rd



### **Blessings We Gave:**

We were a blessing to the family and friends of Ezekiel Blauveldt who had a fund-raiser in our Fellowship Hall. Ezekiel has a medical condition that would be much improved with a service dog. The purpose of the fundraiser was to raise money toward helping with acquiring the service dog training for Ezekiel.

We are a blessing to Annabelle Septer who uses church space in the lower level to teach dance to very littles.

We are a blessing each month as boxes and boxes of food are picked up by HACAP staff to share with those hungry in our community. Thank you, Church Family for your commitment to this very worthy project of Loving Others.

### **Blessings We Received:**

We are blessed to have had Leland and Mary Lou Saforek install the apparatus in our church library to hang the Son City and Pre-school/Nursery framed Love God Love Others project. This project will hang in the library for a while and then it will find a new home. Thanks to the Saforeks other art work, quilts, or creative projects can also be displayed in our library.

We are so blessed to have wonderful church family member and volunteer, Kevin Caldwell, back, he was helping with the nursery/pre-school little ones!! You have been missed, Kevin, we always appreciate your service and caring.

We were blessed to have had the Welcome Team serve delicious refreshments on Palm Sunday. It was a bit last minute and the Team did a lovely job, all looked pretty and tasted yummy. The fellowship time of visiting and laughter was enjoyed by all who attended.

## **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**

### **Carrie Septer:**



My husband, Jase, and I have lived in Washington for 14 years. We homeschool our five children Annabelle(11), Emily(9), Ruby(7), Jack and Kate (both 3). For work I support foster and adoptive families in our community. I really enjoy being outside in nature, walking, hiking, and camping.

### **Tracy Strabala:**

My husband Brian and I have been married for 28 years. We have three children Megan (Craig), Jack (Emily), and James. I teach 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Stewart Elementary and I have taught for 28 years. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, golfing, doing puzzles, and relaxing doing outdoor activities.





# Easter Flowers



In memory of Jordin Flory by Jerry and Janice Flory.  
In memory of Charlie & Rhua Davison by Jerry and Janice Flory.  
In memory of Orville & Glenna Flory by Jerry and Janice Flory.  
In memory of Larry Krotz by Sandy Krotz.  
In memory of Joann Rubel by Alicia Andrews.  
In memory of Lawrence Whisler by Tork & Tricia Whisler.  
In memory of Linda Messer by Tork & Tricia Whisler.  
In memory of Chris Hartzler by Julie Zahs.  
In memory of lost loved ones by Thelma Wagner.  
In memory/honor of Bob & Pat Johnson by Rob & Julie Johnson.  
In memory of Joe & Carol Mottet by Rob & Julie Johnson.  
In memory of Charlie Twinam by Janice Twinam.  
In memory of Karen Murphy by Gary Murphy.  
In memory of Sam & Blanche Murphy by Gary Murphy.  
In memory of Sheryl Lewis by Katie McWhirter.  
In memory of Dorothy Grim by Katie McWhirter.  
In memory of Bill & Karen Kleese by Phil Kleese.  
In memory of Dick & Kathy Wiley by Christy & Erik Buchholz.  
In memory of Lee & Lois Buchholz by Christy & Erik Buchholz.  
In memory of Wilma Wright by Jim & Jane Cuddeback.  
In memory of Jim & Mary Helen Jewell & Ted Saforek by Mary & Leland Saforek.  
In memory of Fred, Wilbur, Steve, Wilma Wright & Sonny Phipps  
by Rita Phipps, Joe Wright, Karla Maxwell.  
In memory of Jim Hooley by Shane & Teresa Anderson.  
In memory of Skip Heisner by Shane & Teresa Anderson.  
In memory of Gene & Nancy Anderson by Shane & Teresa Anderson.  
In memory of Howard & Emily Lins by Joyce Wilson.  
In memory of Jim Wertz by Judy Wertz.  
In memory of Harvey & Ruth Holden by their daughters.  
In memory of our dear loved ones by Joe & Marde McConnell.  
In memory of our U.P. Family we all miss by Anonymous.  
In memory of Karen & Brian Dillon by the Youngman & Dillon Families.  
In memory of Lloyd Beenblossom by Betty Beenblossom.  
In honor of Erin & Matt Kaye by Judy & Frank Potter.  
In honor of Emma & Sam Kaye by Judy & Frank Potter.  
In memory of my loved ones who have passed by Bonnie Bender.  
In honor of our children & church family by Matt & Erin Kaye.  
In memory of Madelyn Vega by Matt & Erin Kaye.  
In memory of Myron Krotz by Joleen Krotz & Family.

