



UP Church

Love God. Love Others.

January 2026



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Monday-Friday

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January Highlights

- 1st New Year's Day
- 7th Jam Kids
- 11th Mission Meeting
- 20th Finance
- 21st Jam Kids
- 21st Praise Cafe
- 21st Session
- 27th Hospice Soup Supper



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

Needed Surgery in January

Starting January 14th I will be out of the office for an extended period of time. I am having needed thyroid surgery on the 14th. I will be off for at least two to three weeks, maybe more. I won't know how long my recovery time will be until the surgeon starts the surgery and if they can easily remove all of my thyroid.

Krystle Moore



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| 1 Kathy Hunt | 19 Randy Fehr |
| 1 Grace Atwal | 19 Jacob Thorius |
| 5 Kyle Anderson | 20 Orin Canny |
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| 10 Roy Carter | 27 Megan El Haoud |
| 11 Leda Andrews | 28 Lyle Stacy |
| 13 Tracy Strabala | 28 Shirley Whisler |
| 14 Lauren McWhirter | 29 Rick Bordwell |
| 16 Gary Herlein | 30 Cyndy McCall |
| 16 Vivian Griffith | 30 Avery Vongpanya |



Class Structure for 2025-2026

8:45am

- Birth-4yo Preschool: Upstairs in the Nursery
- Kindergarten-5th Grade: Downstairs in Son City
- 6th-8th Grades: Middle School Room
- 9th-12th Grades: Youth Room

Adult Classes Offered:

- Pathfinders: Chapel
- Families of Faith: Lounge
- Coffee Group: Fellowship Hall

Our website: <http://www.upcwash.org/>

Other ways to connect:

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/channelaozuqohexe93npq2xjr> 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.

UP CHURCH FAMILY & YOUTH NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2026



Sunday School

What a fun Christmas program the kids put on this past weekend! It is absolutely wonderful to watch our children share in worship. We would like offer a great big thank you to all of our adult volunteers who helped make this production possible and especially to Julie Zahs for writing such a wonderful script for our kids and for her tireless efforts in making it so fun and personal to our church.

We are in **need of volunteers to help with Sunday School** following Christmas. If you would be willing to help, please reach out to Cory or April at upwashyouth@gmail.com.

Sundays 8:45 - 9:45 am

JAM Kids

We continue to enjoy our Wednesday afternoons with approximately 25 elementary kids at JAM Kids. We finished up the year with games, a movie, and of course, snacks! These energetic kids are learning so much and teaching us so much as well.

If you know of someone who would like to join us, please let us know! JAM Kids meets the **1st & 3rd Wednesdays** of each month **3:30 - 5:15 pm**.

Youth Groups

The middle school youth group kicked off December with a trip to a trampoline park and a lock-in at the church. No adults were harmed in this activity, but they may still be sleep deprived!! Coming up in February a group of about 15 middle schoolers will travel to Wisconsin Dells for Quake.

The high school group had their annual Christmas celebration with dinner out at Iowa Chop House. What a great group of young adults! The leaders really enjoy their time with our youth and would love to have others join them on Sunday nights.



Family Game Night Soup Cook-Off

No plans to share now, but a family game night / soup cook-off is currently being planned, so please watch your email and facebook for more information!



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Upcoming Events

- Jan 4: MS Youth Group 3:30 pm
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm
- Jan 7: JAM Kids (3:30 - 5:15 pm)
- Jan 11: MS Youth Group 3:30 pm
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm
- Jan 18: MS Youth Group 3:30 pm
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm
- Jan 21: JAM Kids (3:30 - 5:15 pm)
Praise Cafe 5:15 - 6:00 pm
- Jan 18: MS Youth Group 3:30 pm
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm

Children's Christmas Program Picture's



We Host on the dates listed throughout the year:



- April 4th
- June 13th
- July 4th Joint Hosts
- Sept 5th Pathfinders Sunday School Class
- Oct 3rd UP Youth
- Oct 24th Families of Faith Sunday School Class
- Nov 28th
- Dec 29th Joint Hosts

God Hears and is Near!

As we enter a new year, I hope you will consider becoming a part of our church's prayer chain! Come and join others in our church family in asking for prayers, --prayers for concerns or prayers of thanksgiving for the wondrous gifts that God has given us. If you know of someone that would welcome our prayers, (but ONLY with their permission), share this information with our prayer chain coordinator Mary Atwood at : maryjoyatwood@gmail.com or 319-653-5868.

An updated list of what goes into a box of food from HACAP:

Veggies: 4-6 Cans, Examples: Green Beans, Peas, Corn, Carrots, Pasta Sauce, Chili Tomato

Fruit: 3-4 Cans, Examples: Pears, Peaches, Mixed Fruit, Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple

Soup: 2 Cream Soups, Examples: Cream of Celery, Chicken, Mushroom

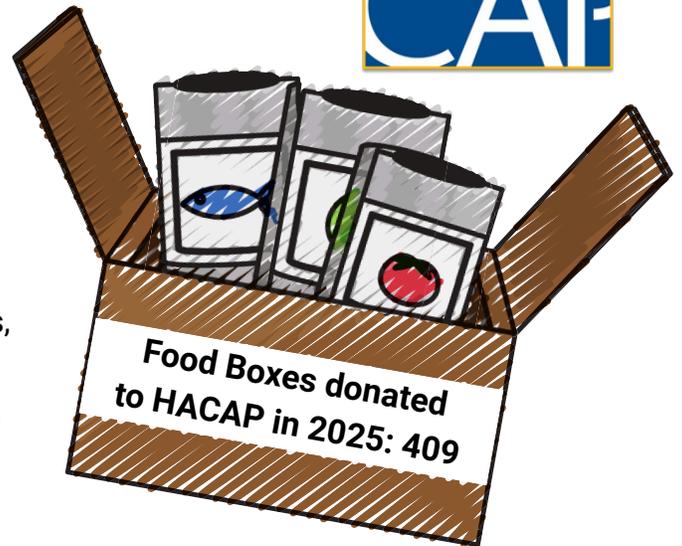
2 examples: Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Beef Stew, Vegetable Soup

Protein: Peanut Butter, 2 Can Meats- Chicken or Tuna

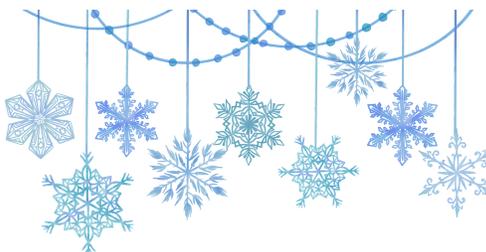
Extra Protein: 1 Can, Examples: Chili Beans, Black Beans, Pinto Beans, Pork N Beans

Starchy Carbs: 2 Items, Examples: Rice, Pasta, Stuffing, Hamburger Helper, Macaroni & Cheese, Egg Noodles

Snacks: 2 Items Examples: Popcorn, Crackers, Granola Bars, Pudding Mix, Cereal Bars



The end of Nov represents 92% of the year. Our income came in at 72%
Our expenses came in at 75%



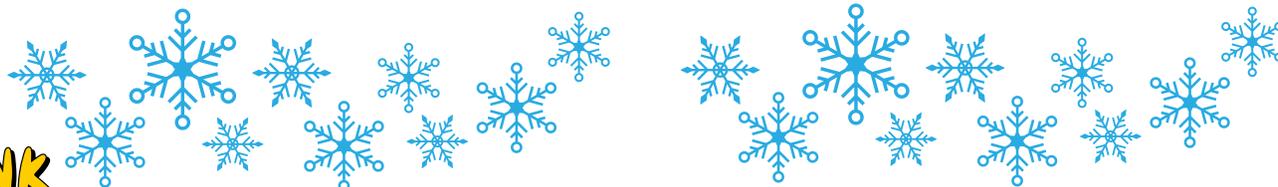
Articles for the February Newsletter are due Friday, Jan 23rd



Nursery/Pre-School Sunday School Class: Feel Free to Join!

Rhonda and I (Marde McConnell) invite you to pop in our Nursery/Preschool class any Sunday and join in on our “busy” and fun time. It’s a joyful, energy-filled room, and a little chaos mixed in sometimes, too! We have wonderful, little kiddos who we love and care for with a helper each week. Our helpers for 2025-2026 are Teresa Anderson, Amanda Burke, Kevin Caldwell, Megan Craig, Kathy Hunt, Rita Schonhoff, and Tanya Stalder. They too, adore our little ones! We learn Bible stories, sing songs, have snacks, do activities, pray and play!

Feel free to join us, we know it will warm your heart, too!



THANK YOU!

Lucinda and I would like to thank you all for your gracious hosting of the SHIP program here in Washington County. We just finished serving about 350 senior citizens who needed help during the annual open enrollment period with their Medicare plans for 2026 in a comfortable, accepting and accessible place. And we serve folks all year round who are turning 65 or retiring or who need assistance with other Medicare related situations. I am so grateful for the legacy of community involvement for so many years through the use of our building.

Gratefully, Kitch Shatzer



Blessings We Gave:

Recently every one of the residents of Autumn Park Apartments received a full, sandwich bag of fresh fruit, grapes. The grapes were purchased by the Families of Faith Sunday School class as they were hosting the Saturday Kitchen. But when the event was cancelled due to weather, the decision was made to share it with our friends at Autumn Park Apartments.

What a blessing our Church Family was as we agreed to share our Fellowship Hall with the Chamber of Commerce to host their Breakfast with Santa event and then the Saturday Kitchen that same morning, Nov, 29th. The event had to be rescheduled to Dec. 13 due to weather and we once again opened our doors for the event.

What a blessing we were to the Family Connection Group. They recently hosted a Christmas party for the families they support and we shared our church facilities for the event.

Blessings We Received:

We’re blessed Nick Shelman repaired the much-loved slide in the nursery/pre-school room. Thanks, Nick.

We’re blessed to have had so very many church family members stay after worship and help beautifully decorate the church for the Christmas holidays.

We’re blessed Julie Johnson and Teresa Anderson (and others??) worked on our church grounds, preparing them for the winter months.