



# UP Church

*Love God. Love Others.*

## March 2026

### Holy Week Worship Schedule

**Palm Sunday March 29th**

Regular Schedule

**Maundy Thursday April 2nd**

6:30pm Fellowship Hall

**Good Friday April 3rd**

Office Open

**Easter Sunday April 5th**

7am Sunrise Worship at Sunset Park,  
with communion

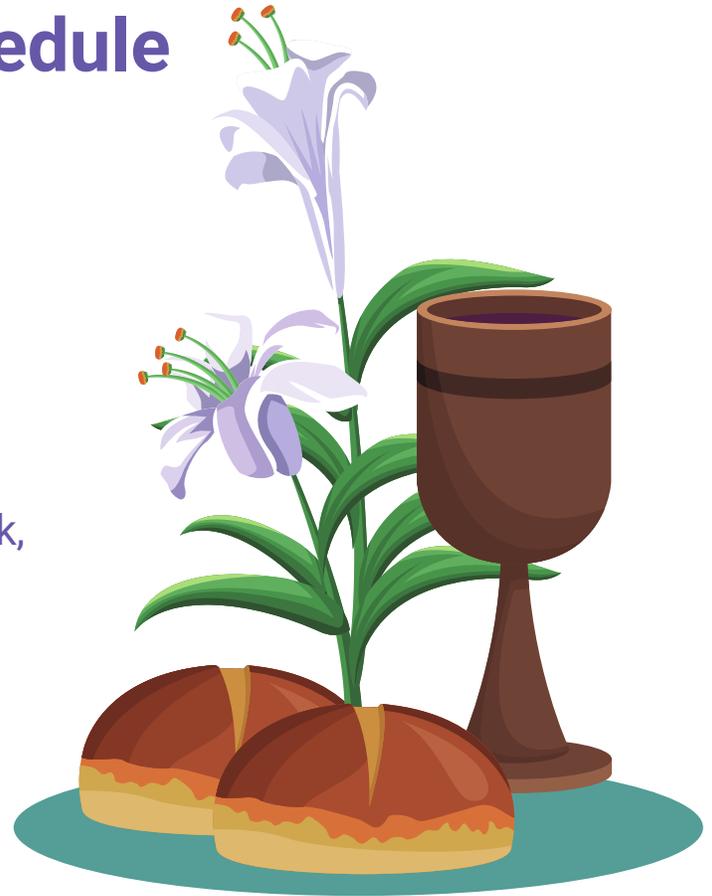
8am Breakfast at Church

8:45am Sunday School

10am Worship, with communion

**Easter Monday April 6th**

Office Closed



#### Church Contacts

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Upchurch.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

#### Donate through



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#### Staff

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Church Website



# 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 March 30th.



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### Payment Options:

Cash, Check, or Venmo

If paying with a check in the memo line please write Easter Flowers

If paying with venmo please state that the money is for Easter Flowers and who it is in memory or honor of



# Tithes & Offerings

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Please enter in the memo what it is for.

### OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

WEBSITE: [upcwash.org](http://upcwash.org)

MAIL: UP Church  
PO Box 32

Washington, IA 52353



## March Highlights

- 4th Jam Kids
- 8th Daylight Savings Time
- 9th CE Meeting
- 11th UP Circle at UP Home
- 16th Sewing Day
- 17th Finance
- 18-21st Mission Trip
- 25th Session



### 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



### Worship In March

- 15th Commission Mission Trip
- 22nd Mission Trip Report
- 29th Palm Sunday



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Jack Carter       | 13 Jacob Miles     |
| 1 Gabe Bruns        | 15 Lila DePenning  |
| 1 Kaelyn Johnson    | 22 Marde McConnell |
| 4 Sophia Kleese     | 22 Russ Woods      |
| 4 Isabella Lujan    | 22 Sandra Krotz    |
| 4 Cory Canny        | 25 Judy Murphy     |
| 5 Tom Hunt          | 25 Pam Vongpanya   |
| 7 Angie Schluetter  | 26 Leland Saforek  |
| 7 Jordan Youngman   | 26 Ava Bryant      |
| 9 Virginia Bordwell | 27 Roger Miles     |
| 11 Connie Jarrard   | 28 Brenda Miles    |
| 12 Traci Stewart    |                    |

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



MARCH 2026

## Sunday School

It's hard to believe, but the programming year is winding down. We have just three 3-week rotations left for this year. And what a great year it has been. Currently the youth are learning about Ruth & Boaz with the Families of Faith Sunday School class.

The Pathfinders Sunday School class is teaching our last rotation in April-May, but we could use some help with the rotations that run March 8 - 22 and March 29 - April 12. Cory (& Julie) will have all of the materials you need, you just need to come prepared to love on our young members. Contact Cory or April if you would like to volunteer.

**Sundays 8:45 - 9:45 am**

## JAM Kids

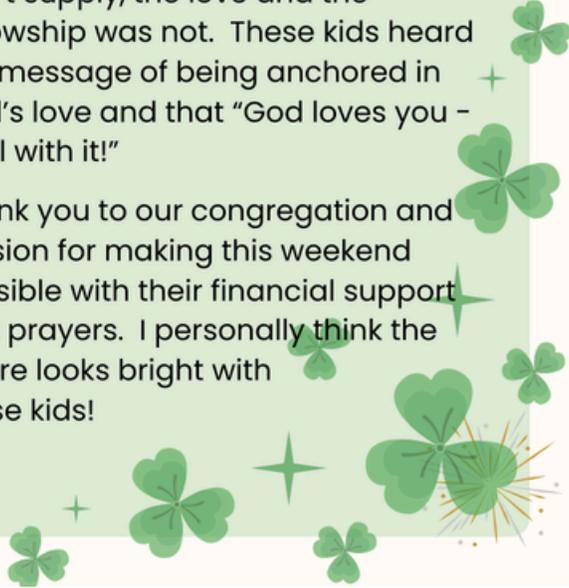
Our JAM Kids roster continues to grow each month with now just over 30 youth attending each time. What a wonderful site to see all of these young, energetic kids ready to hear God's word.

We have just three sessions left for this year - March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, and April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will **NOT** be meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> due to WCSO spring break.

## Youth Groups

15 youth from our middle school + 4 chaperones attended Quake in the Wisconsin Dells the weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. While sleep was in short supply, the love and the fellowship was not. These kids heard the message of being anchored in God's love and that "God loves you - deal with it!"

Thank you to our congregation and session for making this weekend possible with their financial support and prayers. I personally think the future looks bright with these kids!





## Family Bike Ride

If you would be interested in planning a family bike ride &/or cookout for the month of April, please reach out to the Christian Ed Committee.

This was event enjoyed by the entire membership several years ago and we just need someone to plan it!



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## Upcoming Events

- Mar 1: MS Youth Group 3:30 pm  
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm
- Mar 4: JAM Kids (3:30 - 5:15 pm)
- Mar 8: MS Youth Group 3:30 pm  
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm
- Mar 15: MS Youth Group 3:30 pm  
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm
- **Mar 18: NO JAM Kids**
- Mar 22: MS Youth Group 3:30 pm  
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm
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HS Youth Group 6:30 pm



# 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



**Blessings We Gave:**

The Carver Crew was recently able to share some food with our friends at The Lighthouse, who were much appreciative.

One of our church family recently donated many, colorful, and warm knitted hats. Some were adult-sized but most were kid-sized hats. Those who received hats were kids and adults from our church family, Saturday Kitchen guests and our little friends with connections to HACAP.

We were once again privileged to be able to share our facility for a three-day Police training program.

**Blessings We Received:**

Halcyon House recently served as a Saturday Kitchen host. They chose to leave with us their extra drinks, 3 gallons of lemonade and a gallon of milk. Several in our church family were recipients of this Halcyon House generosity.

Christy Buchholz and Brad Alderton volunteered their time to serve as chaperones, along with staff, April Cuddeback and Cory Canny, for our middle school kids to attend Youth Quake in Wisconsin.

We're grateful Erik Buchholz has been willing to fill in and lead our worship service for Pastor Erin, as needed - what a great job he does! Many thanks, Erik!

## UP Church T-Shirt Orders

Front



Back



New UP Church t-shirts available to order. Colors are eucalyptus blue, royal frost, and green frost.

Youth sizes are S-L and available in royal frost and green frost.

Adult sizes are S-4XL and available in all 3 colors.

Prices are \$18 per shirt; + \$2 for 2XL and + \$3 for 3XL-4XL.

Order forms are available in the church office and the fellowship hall.

Make checks payable to- United Presbyterian Church

**Order forms must be turned into the church office before April 1st.**



**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



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**Last Saturday Kitchen: Feb. 21st**

Due to our kitchen renovation, we made the difficult decision to close the Saturday Kitchen. We felt this was the only appropriate and reasonable option. We've notified all our hosts and tried to contact all our guests about this decision. All involved hosts and guests agreed this was the right thing to do.

We're planning a wonderful, April re-opening of the Saturday Kitchen! We will be the hosts of the first meal back and then we'll continue with our 2026 schedule of hosts. It will be great when we and our 30 plus hosts can once again Love God and Love Others through serving a free, noon meal to those needing the free food and will be providing the socialization opportunity the meal provides, too.

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## Upcoming Events at Camp Bear Creek

**Volunteer Work Day:** May 9<sup>th</sup>, a day dedicated to getting the site ready for summer camp. Bring your work gloves, landscaping tools, and your willingness to get a little dirty. We'll work from 9am-2pm with a break for lunch. More information to come.

**Summer Kick-Off:** May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 1-5pm to kick off our summer. Activities offered for people of all ages such as crafts, kayaking, archery, zip lining, climbing the wall, and so much more. The day will be finished off with worship at Bird Chapel starting at 4pm. More information to come.

The end of Jan represents 8.3% of the year. Our income came in at 6%  
Our expenses came in at 5%



Articles for the April Newsletter are due Friday, March 20th



## New Member Spotlights

### **Kathie Amedy**

Sister to Jane Fehr, was born and raised in Council Bluffs. After high school graduation, she went to Park College in the Kansas City area and that's where she met her husband, Tom Darch. They lived in Council Bluffs for 5 years after college graduation. Tom began his career with The Travelers Insurance Company at the Omaha office. In 1971 they were transferred to Connecticut and moved with their son and daughter. Kathie reports she's blessed to have five adult grand kids!

Kathie and Tom both worked for Travelers Insurance in Connecticut, but sadly, at 43 Tom died. Later Kathie was married to Steve Amedy until his passing in 2011.

She moved back to Iowa last summer and loves her U.P Home apartment and all the new friends she's made. She enjoys her sister time with Jane and hanging with Randy, too! She likes reading, doing puzzles and loves anything to do with nature, like gardening and her house plants. She always looks forward to her visits to Connecticut to visit her East Coast family.

Kathie feels at home with our church family, welcomed by us and close to God here.

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### **Carol Thorton**

Carol was born in her grandparents' house near Centerville. During her childhood she lived in Wyoming, South Dakota and ended up in Louisa County to be close to family. She married after high school and raised and survived 6 kids, mostly living in Louisa County. Carols blessed to have 16 grands, 32 great grands, and 10 great great grands!

When her youngest child started school, Carol began working outside the home, she drove a school bus for 18 years – imagine she has lots of stories about that! She divorced and remarried and lived in Arkansas for 30 years until her husband passed away.

She returned to Iowa to be closer to family. She likes her apartment in Kerr Hall at the U. P. Home. She enjoys reading, crocheting and she especially enjoys acrylic painting in the U.P. art room. One of her landscapes was chosen for the U.P. calendar!

She and her daughters get together and love to go square dancing weekly in Weaver, IA near Burlington, Oskaloosa and other nearby towns – talk about great family memories and good exercise, too!

Carol finds our U.P. Church family friendly and she enjoys the welcoming fellowship of everyone.

