



UP Church

Love God. Love Others.

April 2026

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday April 2nd

6:30pm Fellowship Hall

Good Friday April 3rd

Office Open 8-12

Easter Sunday April 5th

7am Sunrise Worship at Sunset Park,

Large Pavilion, with communion

8am Breakfast at Church

8:45am Sunday School

10am Worship, with communion

Easter Monday April 6th

Office Closed



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Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8am-12pm Office open
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Monday-Thursday 1-4pm

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Camp Bear Creek Intergenerational Mission Trip

Mission Trip Stats:

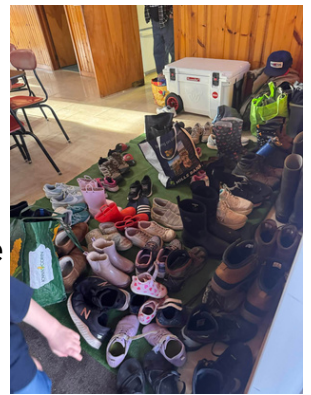
23 adults, 19 kids (ages 4-14)

What we did:

- Cleaned dining hall tables and chairs
- Cut down trees (12 big ones, 10 small ones)
- Pruned trees
- Split firewood
- Delivered firewood to campfire circles
- Cleaned out campfire circles
- Created art together
- Played games
- Worshiped around the campfire
- Daily devotions
- Power washed Welcome Center Deck
- Painted slingshot targets
- Painted Pool Shed
- Hung 2 doors
- Moved firewood storage sheds
- Put together 2 cabinets in Deer Center
- Removed and began replacement of window trim in Deer Center

Amount of food consumed:

- 6 Gallons of white and chocolate milk, 2 large Sunny D's & Apple Juice
- 10 dozen eggs, cheese, ham, turkey, chips
- 4 loaves of bread, 2 large packages of tortillas, buns
- Pounds of veggies and fruit and more!



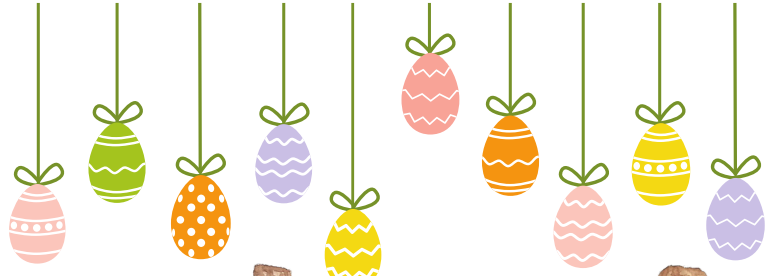


April Highlights

- 1st Jam Kids
- 8th PW Circle at UP Home
- 14th Finance
- 15th Jam Kids
- 15th Session
- 16th Blood Drive
- 20th Sewing Day



Worship In April
5th Easter with Communion
19th Baptism of
Eliza and Nora Dank



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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Joe Wright | 13 Dalton Rich |
| 2 Bonnie Bender | 15 Tyler Alderton |
| 2 Anne Youngman | 16 Laurie Davison |
| 8 Breck Keller | 17 Rita Phipps |
| 9 Erin Kaye | 19 Joyce Wilson |
| 11 Rob Johnson | 25 Brad Alderton |
| 12 Payton Anderson | 25 Jordan Thorius |
| 13 Ann Conklin | 26 Joyce Crawford |
| 13 Carolyn Bollman | 26 Jack Strabala |



Office Closed
 April 6th
Krystle on Vacation
 April 7-10th
Erin on Vacation
 April 20-26th



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



APRIL 2026

JAM Kids

JAM Kids is quickly wrapping up for the year with just 2 sessions left - April 1st and 15th. We are planning a short program and pizza party following the April 15th session. We would love to have church members join us to see what the kids have been learning all year! Please RSVP using the QR Code below.

We have been so pleased with how the year has gone and appreciate all of the volunteers for making this program possible. We would like to have a short follow-up meeting after the April 15th pizza party to get feedback as we begin planning for next year.



Sunday School

We are nearing the end of our Sunday School year, with just 2 rotations left. If you would like to jump in one last time to help March 29, April 5, and April 12, we could use the help. The Pathfinders Sunday School class is taking on the final session - THANK YOU!

Sundays 8:45 - 9:45 am

Youth Groups

Our youth groups are continuing to meet each Sunday afternoon/evening.

The middle school recently did an "egg hunt" where they hid the eggs at the homes of our elementary families. What a fun time!

The high school group is still exploring a possible mission trip and determining interest from our high schoolers. A fundraiser may be held once kitchen renovations are done.

MS - Sundays 3:30 - 5:00 pm

HS - Sundays 6:30 - 8:30 pm



Family Bike Ride

A family bike ride from Sunset Park out the Kewash Trail is being planned for Sunday, April 26th with a picnic to follow. Subs provided by the church with families providing sides is the tentative plan. Watch your email for more information to come and an RSVP.



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Upcoming Events

- Apr 1: JAM Kids (3:30 - 5:15 pm)
- Apr 5: **NO MS Youth Group**
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm
- Apr 12: MS Youth Group 3:30 pm
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm
- Apr 15: JAM Kids (3:30 - 5:15 pm)
Program & Pizza Party
- Apr 19: MS Youth Group 3:30 pm
HS Youth Group 6:30 pm
- Apr 26: Church Family Bike Ride
NO MS Youth Group
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:

Our Presbyterian Camp Bear Creek benefited by all the projects completed when our inter-generational, mission trip group worked at the camp over spring break.

All who enter from the south entrance are blessed as they're greeted by Erin Beck's beautiful, colorful and inspirational bulletin board.

We were a blessing to the Chosen Ones group as we shared our facility for a recent, fun evening together - having dinner and a Bingo gathering in our Fellowship Hall.

Blessings We Received:

We are blessed that John Harris was willing to portray "Mr. Tumnus" in our Narnia, pre-Easter, worship services.

We are blessed that Tracy Strabala, Megan Craig and Tricia Whisler deep cleaned and re-arranged the lounge after the new, men's bathroom construction was completed.

We are blessed that our Synod of Lakes and Prairies awarded us \$5,000 toward a grant written by April Cuddeback to be used toward our renovation

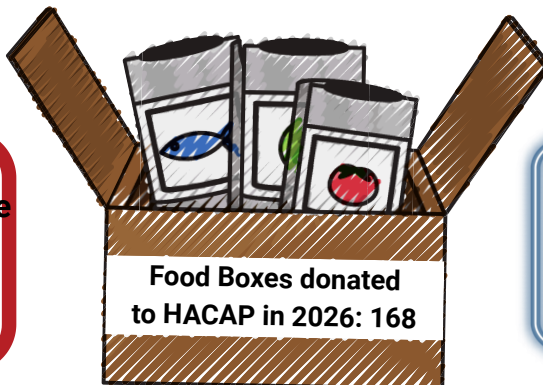


Thank You, Volunteers

Where does one begin? We, at UPC, are blessed with so many church family members who "step up." Sometimes needs are known about well in advance (Thursday office help need) and sometimes the need is a more "last minute "thing" (snow removal!). Never has this volunteer spirit been more evident, as it has been in helping make our church renovation project a reality.

People have donated hours upon hours in the decision making and planning process. Others have given time emptying cupboards and closets and moving our appliances and counters. Some volunteers have moved furniture and other furnishing items to new locations. Then, later, more volunteers have moved many of those items back to their original location!

You get the idea – we're blessed to have so many volunteers who care and help. We thank you, volunteers all!



The end of Feb represents 16.7% of the year. Our income came in at 12% Our expenses came in at 15%

Articles for the May Newsletter are due Friday, April 17th



New Member Spotlight

Deana Canny

She was born in Kalona, the youngest of 4 kids. She graduated from Mid-Prairie High School and lived in several towns in the area growing up.

She's been married and divorced twice and has 9 kids and 19 grandkids. She's had lots of jobs in her adulthood: working as a CNA and Medication Aide, cleaning houses, waitressing, making and selling pies, working in boarding stables, truck driving and more! She was always looking for ways to help care for her large family.

In the midst of her very hectic life parenting Deana was able to attend Indian Hills Community College and earned her LPN. She very much enjoys this career. She currently cares for a man in Pocahontas, IA during the week, previously caring for him in Iowa City for a couple of years. She works 5 – 12-hour shifts, hoping to cut back shifts soon. Her weekends are hers- and she loves being with her family then.

Deana grew up in a church that was only open on Sunday and that was it. She's most impressed with how our church shares itself with the community anytime throughout the week. We're especially grateful she finds time to be a great helper with the Saturday Kitchen.



Join us to Celebrate!

**Erin is turning 50!
Everyone is Welcome!**

**Sunday, April 12th
following church service
in the Fellowship hall**

Desserts and refreshments provided



We Host on the dates listed throughout the year:

Date TBD: First Saturday Once Remodel Completed

July 4th Joint Hosts

Aug 1st Church Family

Sept 5th Pathfinders Sunday School Class

Oct 3rd UP Youth

Oct 24th Families of Faith Sunday School Class

Nov 28th Church Family

Dec 29th Joint Hosts



Church Outside Cleanup Day

April 19th

1pm

Bring work gloves, rakes, wheel barrels, shovels, leaf blowers,

Cleaning supplies to clean playground equipment

We will clean up the garbage and leaves around the building

Take away branches on ground

Mulching

Tithes & Offerings

worship through giving



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Please enter in the memo what it is for.

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