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**April 25, 2021**

**April Memory Verse – Philippians 4:13**

*“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*

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*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.*

**GATHERING & WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**L:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**P:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

**MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY**

**THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION “As the Deer”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23**

**L:** <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**P:** <sup>2</sup> **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**

**L:** ... leads me beside still waters, <sup>3</sup>restores my life,

**P:** ... **leads me in the right paths for the sake of the Lord’s name.**

**L:** <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

**P:** ... **for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**L:** <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**P:** ... **you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.**

**L:** <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

**P:** ... **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.**

**HYMN No. 559 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (tune “Regent Square”), v. 1 & 2)**

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone;

Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;

Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today!

With Thy wonted lovingkindness hear Thy people as they pray,

And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

**WORD OF GOD Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest’s family. <sup>7</sup>They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?”

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup>If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed,

<sup>10</sup>then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.”

<sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

## **PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY “All Who Hunger”**

**DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) “Halle, Halle, Halleluja!”**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**\*HYMN No. 128 “He Leadeth Me”, v. 1 & 3**

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

### **Chorus**

He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me;

His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;

Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

### **Chorus**

**SPECIAL MUSIC 8:15 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”– Becky Platt**

**10:45 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” - Chancel Choir**

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord.”**

**For our concerns we say: “Lord, hear our prayers.”**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE APOSTELS’ CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **SERMON SCRIPTURE John 10:11-18**

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

**L: The Word of God for the children of God.**

**P: Thanks be to God**

## **SERMON “Follow the Evidence”**

**\*HYMN No. 2223 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”, v. 1 & 2**

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

**Chorus**

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:

**Chorus**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “Morning Has Broken”**

**(Please allow the ushers to direct you as you leave the sanctuary.)**

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

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**ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE**

Worship Host – Robbyn Slavin

Song Leader – David Lyons

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers this morning are presented in memory of Shirley McCune by her family.

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**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please keep LaVerne Frick and her family in your prayers. She is experiencing serious health concerns at this time and her family has asked that we keep them in prayer.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:** We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley McCune who passed away on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

We also send our Christian sympathy to Fritz Runser in the death of his uncle, Marlin F. Preus.  
May God comfort all those whose lives they touched.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4/25/2021**

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**WENDELL’S VISION:** We are hopeful, as are you, that by May/June we may be able to assist any or all of the requests coming into the church office for vetting. **We are looking for the volunteers on our list from the start to confirm their status,** as well as, **those who would want to become a member of this ministry.** We have started filling requests after Easter last month with a few volunteers from our team, but we could use more help.

If you would like to fill out a request form and turn it into the church office you can do so at any time. Once the requests are vetted, we will begin to schedule visitations to evaluate the requests for assignment of volunteers. If your need is a burden financially, please make that know on the request. Support is available for those who may qualify. We are currently concentrating on attendees of Irwin First UMC. Some tasks/projects may not be possible due to time frame needed, volunteer experience, weather conditions for outside work, cost prohibited, scope of the task/project, etc. That shouldn’t stop you from making a request. We would continue to ensure that all party’s will be as safe as possible during the execution of work at your homes. This means you will be responsible for the safety of the volunteers doing the task/project in a productive climate/setting.

If you are scheduled for a visitation for your request, we will explain the logistics of the ministry and come to an agreement to the time frame and financial responsibility of its completion.

Please keep this in prayer and give God the glory!!!

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

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**ATTENTION GRADUATES:** Any one graduating from High School or College this year please call the office (724-863-6858) or Ethel Rosenburg (724-864-3833.) We would like to know your future plans.

High School Graduates: Where you are graduating from, if you are going to college (what college and your major,) or your employment plans.

College Graduates: Where you are graduating from and your degree, if you are continuing in school, or where you will be employed.

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**Please note:** Our church Secretary/Receptionist is in the office Monday through Friday until noon. She can be reached at 724-863-6858 or [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) Our church Financial Secretary/Office Manager is in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. She can be reached at 724-863-8658 or [joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org](mailto:joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org)

Please call before coming in to make sure someone is in the office to assist you.

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### THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

*Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of a pastoral visit.*

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

#### Sunday, Sunday, April 25

8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church  
(Radio 87.9 FM)

9:30 Harvesters Adult Class,  
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA

9:30 Toddler – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School  
(see announcement)

10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church  
(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and  
Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password  
104289)

3:00 Greensburg District Conference  
at Community UMC in Harrison City

#### Monday, April 26

6:30 Grief Support

6:30 Cub Scouts

#### Tuesday, April 27

7:00 Church Council Meeting

7:30 NA

#### Wednesday, April 28

9:30 Salvation Army

10:00 QC Meeting

10:00 Prayer Group Meeting

(Zoom Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)

1:00 Bible Study

(Meeting ID: 89493128220, Passcode 104289)

5:00 Youth Center

6:00 Healing Service

7:00 AA

7:00 Bible Study with Jim Remaley

(call Jim at 412-445-6288 for more information)

#### Thursday, April 29

6:00 Girl Scouts

6:15 C Bells

6:30 NA

7:00 Choir

#### Friday, April 30

6:00 Brown Bag Meal

#### Saturday, May 1

##### Communion

6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner

#### Sunday, May 2

##### Communion

8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church

(Radio 87.9 FM)

9:30 Harvesters Adult Class,

Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA

9:30 Toddler – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School

(see announcement)

10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church

(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom

(Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password 104289)

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE** will be held today at 3:00 PM at Harrison City: Community UMC located at 3487 Route 130, Irwin, PA 15642. This will be an in-person gathering (with masks and distancing). While all members of local churches are welcome to attend, the following are specifically encouraged to attend with voice and vote: all appointed clergy, two lay persons elected from each charge, all district chairpeople, the charge elected principal and reserve delegates, local church lay members to Annual Conference, lay leader, council chair, and the presidents of the UMW, UMM, UM Youth.

Items of business that will be addressed are: district reports, elections to district and conference committees, nominations as equalization delegates, a presentation by the Council on Finance and Administration (budget), update on our Zimbabwe Partnership, and other items are directed by WPAUMC.

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**NEW SMALL GROUP – “The Chosen”**

**When:** Wednesday evenings at 7pm starting the first week of June and going for 8 weeks

**Where:** At the church

**What:** A Bible study based on “The Chosen”

**How:** Please sign-up by May 19<sup>th</sup> if you’re interested!

“The Chosen” is a multi-season show based on the life of Jesus. In order to participate in this Bible study, you will need to be able to view the episodes of “The Chosen” in one of the following ways:

- 1) Search for each episode on YouTube (ex: “the chosen season 1 episode 1) (free)
- 2) Download “The Chosen” app to your phone and watch the episodes on the app (free)
- 3) Purchase the season 1 DVD/ Bluray from thechosengifts.com

Additionally, we will be using the study guide “What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?” which costs about \$12.

These books will be ordered ahead of time for you and you will be able to pick them up at the church before our first meeting.

To sign up, please email Laura Willby at [laurawillby1@windstream.net](mailto:laurawillby1@windstream.net) or text/call at (724)-454-8422 by May 19<sup>th</sup>

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**CHURCH DIRECTORY APP FOR YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER:** Everyone in the church is eligible to receive the all-church directory on their digital devices. Go to the Play Store (android) or App Store (Apple) and download the MyUCD app. Once you open it, you will be asked to enter your individual code. If you have not received one, (or cannot find what you did with the one you received), please email Dianne Runser at [fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net). She will then send you your family’s code.

If you did NOT have your picture taken for the directory, your picture may still be in the directory. Email a digital photo of your family to Dianne (head shots are best) at [fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net), and she will upload it to the directory. Also, new members should email family names, address, landline and cell phone numbers (if you want them published), and family photo to Dianne for upload.

If you do not have a photo to upload, see Dianne any time at church to have a quick picture taken (without a mask)

We all are part of one big family, no matter which service you attend, or even if you are unable to attend a service regularly at all (although we hope to see you soon!). Let’s get to know one another!

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**OUR GREETERS/CONTACT TRACING TEAM:** Since COVID disrupted our lives, we have depended on a team of a few volunteers to take temperatures and names/contact information for everyone who enters our doors on Sunday. Please be assured that NO OUTSIDE AGENCY receives this information. In case we learn of a possible COVID exposure on a Sunday, WE use the list for US to contact anyone who might have been exposed so that they are aware of the situation. Thankfully, we have only had to do this one time.

We need to expand the number of people who are able to help on Sunday mornings. For now, the volunteers need a personal iPad or other digital tablet which can connect to the church WiFi so that Google Sheets may be

used. However, we are working to get a digital tablet or two for the church so you do not have to use your own, and no tablet is needed to take the temperatures.

We have two requests: 1) Volunteer to help, and 2) if you have an unused digital tablet which can access the internet, consider donating it to the church. Volunteers can contact Dianne Runser at the organ bench (or [fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net), 412-372-5290). Anyone with a tablet should contact Dianne or Josh Burger (our computer guru) at the sound desk.

THANK YOU to everyone who has been understanding when we ask for your information as you enter. It has really helped us put names and faces together, even when masked!

Dianne Runser, Music Director

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**ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS:** Please contact Pastor Bruce or Ron if you have questions.

**For computer or smartphone:**

Go to Zoom.com Click-Join a meeting

When prompted enter Meeting ID, then a screen will pop up to enter password.

(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting)

You will enter the "meeting space". If you move your mouse to the bottom of the box, it will show you the different options, like chat and video.

**For landline or cell phone (Audio only):** Dial 1-646-558-8656. Enter meeting number and follow the prompts. (The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting in "This Week at our Church.")

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**MICROSOFT TEAMS INSTRUCTIONS:**

**For laptop or desktop computer, Smart Phone & Tablet:** Please follow the instructions on the reminder email that you receive from your committee.

**For landline or cell phone (Audio only):** Dial 724-936-1197. Enter the Conference ID when prompted. Follow the prompts.

Please contact Eric Platt at [eric.platt@irwinfirstumc.org](mailto:eric.platt@irwinfirstumc.org) or 412-841-7655 if you have questions.

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**TODDLER – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL:** this age group has not yet returned to in-church Sunday school. Please use the contact information listed to participate in the Zoom classes: Toddler Zoom Sunday School - 2-4 year old children - please email or call Dawn Capecci 412 651 2503, [missdawn25@yahoo.com](mailto:missdawn25@yahoo.com) or Donna Weber 724 864 4954, [donnam\\_weber@yahoo.com](mailto:donnam_weber@yahoo.com) for more information and the Zoom instructions.

Preschool - 5th grade Sunday School - 9:30 AM on Zoom. For more information please contact Becky at 412-816-1906.



**THE SALVATION ARMY UNIT OF IRWIN** has its own phone number. If you know anyone in need of our services please have them call 724-331-7832. The office hours for the unit are Wednesday mornings from 9:30 until 11:30.

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**HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS:** If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098

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**\*\*\*\*\* IN PERSONAL CARE & REHABILITATION FACILITIES \*\*\*\*\***

- Dorothy B. ~ Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon      Marge O. ~ The Grove at Irwin
- Wanda H. ~ Redstone, N. Huntingdon      James R., Sr. ~ St. Anne's Home, Greensburg
- Doris C. ~ Golden Heights (Harrison City)      LaVerne F. ~ Walden's View
- Altozoe S. ~ Hempfield Manor

**\*\*\*\*\* CONTINUOUS PRAYERS \*\*\*\*\***

Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Cheryl & John M., Tim & Diane N., Rick H., Marlin A & Nancy P., Joe S., Joe L., Virginia, Jennifer N., Curt E., Cheryl H., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., Rose N., Sara C., Jeanne and Larry A., Fred & Barb S., Mischa & Suzanne S., Diane B., John G., Noah C., Craig C., Red, Dawn, Amy P., Chuck K., Pat M., Jane I., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura, Marlin F., Stephanie S., Dave W., Bill & Elaine M., Kim V. Paul & Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Andrea, Lesley K., Debbie N., and Cliff R.

Bob & Natalie F. & Family (Missionaries in India)      Connie Wieck (Missionary)

**\*\*\*\*\* THIS MONTHS PRAYERS LIST \*\*\*\*\***

*We will change the prayer list the first Sunday of each month.  
Contact the church office at 724-863-6858 with names for the list.*

Vi, Tom and Peggy, Sandy L., George and Kelly, Paul and Michelle, Neil and Alma, Yvonne I. and family, Janice, Eugene W., Joe K., COVID 19 Concerns, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Our Country and Leaders, Pastor Bruce & Bonnie, Ron, Burnetta G., Royce A., Bob, Cindi P., Bill & Elaine M., Kathy, Amy H., Bob N., Bella D., Helena G., and Sandra W., D. White, The Marie Harrison Family, Trish, Bill B., Mary Alice, Susan M., Jesse D., Rolan's Family, The Pierce Family, Mary G., LaVerne F. & Family, The Les H. Family, The Hart Family, The Mila Sacramento Family, The Shirley McCune Family, The Marlin F. Preus Family,

**\*\*\*\*\* SERVICE PERSONNEL \*\*\*\*\***

- Brandon D. – Korea      Colby S. – Iraq      Sara D.
- Angelo W. – Oklahoma City      Nicholas P. – Schofield Barracks, HI      Jeremy L.
- David J. – Afghanistan      Amanda M. – Texas      Carl B.
- James G. – Texas      Emery M. – Japan      Mark Russak      Edward J. III

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**April Memory Verse – Philippians 4:13**

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**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Memory Verse**

**Opening Prayer**

**Worship Music:**

*Reckless Love*

*Spirit of the Living God*

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Prayer**

**Offering**

**Worship Music:**

*Good Good Father*

*Never Once*

**Scripture & Message**

**Closing Songs:**

*Shepherd*

**Prayer Requests**

*“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him,*

*for God is our refuge” (Psalm 62:8)*

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