

“I have
seen
the **Lord!**”

JOHN 20:18, NIV



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**April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday**

April Memory Verse – Philippians 4:13
“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.

WELCOME

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY
THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

L: ¹Praise the Lord, all nations!
P: Extol the Lord, all peoples!
L: ²The Lord’s steadfast love toward us is great!
P: The faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever! Praise the Lord!
L: ¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my power; the Lord has become my salvation.
P: ¹⁵There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
L: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, ¹⁶the right hand of the Lord is exalted,
P: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”
L: ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
P: ¹⁸The Lord has chastened me sorely, but has not given me over to death.
L: ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
P: ²⁰This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
L: ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
P: ²²The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
L: ²³This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
P: ²⁴This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

EASTER DRAMA

Jesus – Jason Kirsch Mary – Zoey Furin Angel – John Simpson

HYMN No. 302 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” v. 1 & 3

- 1. Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

- 3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

WORD OF GOD 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The Resurrection of Christ

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY – 8:15 “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth”

10:45 “Song for the Lamb” – Chancel Choir

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

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & CONFIRMATION (10:45)

NEW MEMBERS

Shane & Maria Talley

Chris & Lisa Baker

Eric Baustert

Kim Miller

Michael & Shawna Andiorio

Rosemary Drylie

Lester Peters

Camille Jendrey-Donahue

CONFIRMATION

Riley Baker

Michaela Andiorio

Gaven McCuean

Aubrea Radziwon

Cameron Dumnich

Bartalina Furin

Caleb Eddy

Camryn McMullen

Hannah Platt.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

SERMON SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18

The Empty Tomb

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”
³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”
“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.
¹⁵He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”
Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”
¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.”
She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).
¹⁷Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”
¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON “Hope of the Resurrection”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT *All are welcome.*

HYMN No. 322 “Up from the Grave He Arose” v. 1 & 3

1 Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

3 Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

BENEDICTION

MUSIC OF PARTING – “Thine Is the Glory”

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

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

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*

**Sunday, Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday
Confirmation & Reception of New Members**

6:30 Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast
8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)
9:30 Harvesters Adult Class,
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA
9:30 Toddler – 5th 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)

**Monday, April 5
Office closed**

6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, April 6

9:00 Quilting
7:00 Outreach
7:30 NA

Wednesday, April 7

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
7:00 AA

Thursday, April 8

6:00 Girl Scouts
6:15 C Bells
6:30 NA
7:00 Choir

Friday, April 9

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed
6:00 Brown Bag Meal

Saturday, April 10

8:30 Food Bank (help needed)
6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner

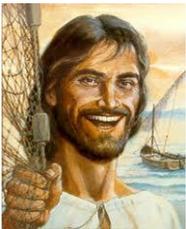
Sunday, April 11

Holy Humor Sunday

8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)
9:30 Harvesters Adult Class,
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA
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ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4/4/2021

Hello Quilters! The Stitch in Faith Ministry will be restarting our quilting in April on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 11:30AM in the quilting room. Hope to see you there!



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY We will be celebrating Holy Humor Sunday at both services on the Sunday after Easter, April 11. What IS Holy Humor Sunday? The idea behind it is that God played the greatest practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. One website about this special Sunday states: “Holy Humor Sunday services not only give Christians an opportunity for ongoing celebrations of the greatest miracle in human history - Jesus' resurrection - it also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate, and give thanks for, our own smaller resurrections in this world and this life.

“From time to time in our earthly lives, many of us have been dead - from illness, depression, physical injuries, emotional wounds, the loss of loved ones, financial losses - and yet have come alive and endured while looking forward to the Great Resurrection.

“Laughter releases tension, and we have enough of that these days. We all need to stop taking ourselves so seriously. We need to recognize that this is really God's world, and He has so much in store for us. We put too much emphasis on what's wrong and what's bad with it.”

Since we are still requiring masks to come to church, there is a change for this year's celebration. As a part of the festivities, we are proclaiming April 11 as Holy Humor Mask and/or Headpiece Day. We are asking everyone in attendance to wear your brightest or funniest mask and/or SOMETHING on your head and the BRIGHTEST COLORED CLOTHING in your closet. Feel free to be as silly as you can. This is a chance for everyone to relax, smile, even (GASP!) LAUGH in church! Celebrate the joy we find in our faith! Remember – laughter is the best medicine!

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.

Thank you very much to the youth group for the nice card they sent to me announcing it is spring! (No more snow, Pastor Ron!) Suzanne Shade

THANK YOU! I want to wish a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who remembered me with cards, calls, and prayers during my recent illness. I'm doing a little better and have been able to return home.

God bless you all, Bill Mays (Bill said he will celebrate his 91st birthday on Tuesday, April 6)

TODDLER – 5TH 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 or Donna Weber 724 864 4954, 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.



BLESSING BOX: We stock our Blessing Box almost daily with toiletry items for the needy in our community. If you have donations of new toiletry items please bring them to the church when you come for Saturday or Sunday services. **Please, no food items.** If you have any questions about the Blessing Box, please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor Ron.

Additional Blessings Boxes are located in Irwin at the First Assembly of God Church on Oak Street (canned goods) and at the Cheesecake Café on Main Street (books.)



PRAYER GROUP: We still have a Prayer Group that meets at 10 o'clock on Wednesday mornings. Until we can meet again in person, the group will meet on Zoom (Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)

Everyone is welcome to participate.

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



Bible Study With Jim Remaley



- Starting: Wednesday, April 14th at 7:00 PM
- Where: FUMC, Irwin
- Questions: Please contact Jim
- Cell: 412 445 6288
- Email: jimbo1113@hotmail.com

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WENDELL'S VISION: We are hopeful 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 will be starting to look at requests after Easter. 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 First Irwin 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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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.")

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 or 412-841-7655 if you have questions.

BROWN BAG MEAL: The meals will be handed out every Friday from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM while supplies last. This will continue until further notice.

Monetary donations to help fund this mission are always accepted. Please make your check payable to "FUMC" and put "Community Dinner" in the memo line. If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Robbyn Slavin.



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.

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

******* 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

Shirley McCune is at Redstone, Greensburg.

******* 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., Les H., 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, Connie B., Our Country and Leaders, Pastor Bruce & Bonnie, Ron, Burnetta G., Royce A., Bob, Cindi P., Bill & Elaine M., Kathy, Amy Haley, Bob Noll, Bella D., Helena G., and Sandra W., D. White, The Marie Harrison Family, Trish, Bill B., Mary Alice, Susan M., Audrey P, Jesse D., Rolan's 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 3, 2021
Holy Saturday

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Welcome

Announcements

Memory Verse

Opening Prayer

Worship Music:

Agnus Dei/King of Kings Medley
Grace to Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Offering

Worship Music:

Forever
Behold the Lamb

Scripture & Message

Closing Songs:

Happy Day
All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises