



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 16, 2020

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August Memory Verse: John 14:12a

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who believes in me will do the works I have been doing ...”

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 850 Psalm 133:1-3**

L: ¹Behold, how good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

P: ²It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

L: ³It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of Zion!

P: for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

***HYMN No. 452 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” v. 1&2**

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire!

As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee,
pure warm and changeless be, a living fire!

WORD OF GOD Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Israel’s Rejection Is Not Final

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

All Israel Will Be Saved

²⁹... for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

HYMN No. 394 “Something Beautiful”

Something beautiful, something good;
all my confusion He understood;
all I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife,
but He made something beautiful of my life.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

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

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** **Matthew 15:10-28**

Things That Defile

¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit. ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON **by Pastor Ron Slavin**

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 361 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”, v. 1&2**

1. Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

***BENEDICTION**

MUSIC OF PARTING “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

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452 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” v. 1&2

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394 “Something Beautiful”

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“The Golden Rule.”

Matthew 7:12

“Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.”

(A section of one of the beautiful windows in our sanctuary)

ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS: As you can see in “THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH” many our services, Bible study, and Youth Group are all being broadcast using Zoom. If you would like to participate in these activities using Zoom, please follow the instructions below. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor 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 below)

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 below)

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

Due to the COVID 19 virus our worship services will continue to be conducted outside the church building.

Sunday, August 16

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

10:45 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454

Password 104289)

Tuesday, August 18

7:30 NA

Wednesday, August 19

10:00 Prayer Group Meeting on Zoom

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

Thursday, August 20

6:30 PM NA

Friday, August 21

6:00 Brown Bag Meal

(See bulletin announcement)

Saturday, August 22

Newsletter Deadline

6:00 PM Contemporary Service on

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 750 261 324

Password 520327)

Next Sunday, August 23

Baptism – 10:45 AM

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

10:45 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454

Password 104289)

Pastor Bruce will be on vacation from August 15th - August 24th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 8/16/2020

THANK YOU EVERYONE! We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, messages, and calls we received during our recent illnesses. We are both doing much better now. We want you all to know how much we love and appreciate our FUMC family.

God bless you, Pastor Ron & Robbyn

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline to submit articles for the September newsletter is Saturday, August 22nd. Please email your articles to the office at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or send a printed copy to FUMC, 310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642. Articles not received by the due date may not be published until the October newsletter.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PRECAUTIONS WHEN VISITING FUMC:

1. Everyone must bring and wear a face mask at all times while inside the building. Gloves are optional.
2. Temperatures will be taken upon entering the building.
3. Hand sanitizer stations will be available.
4. Please do not congregate in groups. "Social Distancing" of 6 feet must be adhered to.
5. Anyone not feeling well is asked to please not enter the building.
6. Any gatherings inside the church will be limited to 25 people. The chairperson/host/hostess of the meeting or event will be required to take everyone's temperature upon entering the building, to make sure that face masks are worn at all times by their participants, and to practice social-distancing guidelines.
7. We are trying to keep our staff safe. At this time we ask that meetings not be held in the office. The parlor is available as well as the youth room and both are air conditioned.

The above procedures will be in effect until further notice. By following the CDC guidelines, we can, not only do our part in stopping the spread of the COVID 19 coronavirus, but, we can also stop the spread of other infectious diseases.

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.

"WENDELL'S VISION" If you would like your name(s) to be added to the growing list of helpers, please email the information to namretsojp@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 724-863-2796. You may be a retired professional, skilled craftsman, school teacher, seamstress, a stay at home mom, or be able to move something from point A to point B ... no matter, there is a place you can help in God's plan for this ministry. We look forward to hearing from you and hope you will support *Wendell's Vision*.

Please ask the ushers for an information form to join our team or to request help with a project. Forms are also available on our FUMC website. Click on Groups then United Methodist Men.

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY will not meet this week because of Pastor Bruce's vacation. Pastor Bruce will continue his Wednesday Bible Study August 26th at 1:00 PM on Zoom. If you are interested in participating in the study, please contact him so he can see that you are mailed a copy to use to follow along. Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098 and emails at preacherptl@gmail.com

"RIGHT NOW MEDIA" BIBLE STUDIES This is a good way to increase your knowledge of the Bible and grow closer to our Lord. To participate in any of these Bible studies, you need to email the church office at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net with your request. The office will place your email address on the list of participants and give you instructions on how to log onto the account.

BLESSING BOX: You may have noticed that the door was off our Blessing Box. During one of the storms we had a couple weeks back the wind tore the door off its hinges. It has been repaired and is back in working order. Jack Osterman sent this message: "I patched up the blessing box door and reinstalled it. There is a spring on the door so it will close when it is released. I have a redesigned door in the works ... but, for now, the box is usable again." Thanks, Jack, for fixing it and for all you do for our church!

Donations of new personal hygiene products are accepted on an ongoing basis as there is a continuous need to refill the Blessing Box for the needy in our community.

OUR WEEKLY EMAIL LIST: If you would like to be on our email list to get the weekly bulletin and announcements, please email the office at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net and we will be sure to put you on the list.

THE ON-LINE CHURCH DIRECTORY has been improved and you will need an access code to continue to use the online directory. If you have saved your old code, you may be able to re-enter it. Access codes will be emailed to everyone who has listed an email address. If you do not receive this email this week, please contact Dianne at fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net.

The online directory is available to everyone who is listed in the directory. No one outside the church has access to your information. If you are a new member, and are not listed in the directory, or if you have any updates to your information (address, phone, email or digital photo), please email Dianne (see above) with the information.

MEDIA TEAM: Volunteers are needed join our media team. Our worship services, and many of our meetings on Zoom, would not be possible without them. You will be trained to use the equipment and assist with the services and meetings. If you would like to become part of the team please call Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or Pastor Ron (724-691-7113).



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
Bettie H. ~ Nature Park Commons, Greensburg
Doris C. ~ Golden Heights (Harrison City) LaVerne F. ~ Walden's View

******* CONTINUOUS PRAYERS *******

Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Casey Y., Megan Y., Cheryl M., Tim N., Rick H., Marlin A & Nancy P., Joe S., Rhonda R., Joe L., Virginia, Jennifer N., Curt E., Cheryl H., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeanne R., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Bill G., Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., Marion H., Rose N., Sara C., Jeanne and Larry A., Fred & Barb S., Mischa & Suzanne S., Diane B., Les H., John G., Kim R., 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
Bob & Natalie F. & Family (Missionaries in India)

******* 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, George and Kelly, Paul and Michelle, Neil and Alma, Paul K., Don, Yvonne I. and family, Samantha, Lilliana P., Tiffany M., Joe K., Bill L., Polly O., Lilliana, Audrey, Marilyn and Jim M, Heather and Matt, Our Country & World, COVID 19 Concerns, Our Country and Leaders, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, Marie & Wayne, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Alice H., Debi R., Demi P., Tony and Alys P., Gracie and Kelsey, Larry Shank, Debra C., Pastor Ron & Robbyn, The Jim F. Family, Jackie E., Sue K.

******* 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

Drive-In Church

First United Methodist Church
will still hold “drive-in” services every Sunday at 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM.

Please arrive and remain in your vehicle and follow
the usher’s instructions for parking.

If you have questions call Pastor Bruce, Pastor Ron, or the church office.



Brown Bag Community Dinner!

Every
Friday

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

(or while supplies last)

Call Pastor Ron (724-691-7113) for more information.
Pull around to the back of the church and a volunteer will hand you your
bag.



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