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August 20, 2017

11th Sunday in Kingdomtide

August Memory Verse - Psalm 23:4

“Yea, though I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me. Thy rod and staff comfort me.”

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Chris Ghrist

10:45 – Lindsay Smith

GATHERING & WELCOME

***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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “El Shaddai”

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 850 Psalm 133**

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

P: It 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: It 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”**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS & BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS

No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be given to “Beverly's Birthdays.”

Please see the announcements for more details.)

SPECIAL MUSIC “Almighty”- Deb Andrison

WORD OF GOD Genesis 45:1-15

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “I Am Thine, O Lord”

***DOXOLOGY No. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise Him, all creatures here below:

praise Him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 2244 (TFWS) "People Need the Lord"**

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 15:21-28**

SERMON "Who do you say Jesus is?"

***HYMN No. 370 "Victory in Jesus"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Festival for Organ"**

***Please stand if you are able**

The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit. The altar rail is always open.

Dear FUMC Congregation,

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to those who lifted me in prayer and offered support to me while I was in Croatia taking care of my mother's needs. It was a blessing to be able to spend that time with her. On August 10th, shortly after my return to the US, my mother passed away. Throughout this time I have been deeply moved by your kind words, cards, and deeds. I have been touched by your Christian love like never before and I am very grateful to be a part of Irwin First UMC.

I feel blessed! Stojan Raulic (Evening Custodian)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday: 19 Sunday: 8:15 - 67 10:45 - 75

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 – Rebecca Valeri & Neil Kucherer

10:45 – Marilyn Roche & Anthony Scozio

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin

10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Jason Kirsch, Fritz Runser

10:45 – Penny Brant & Josh Burger

NURSERY: Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the 10:45 worship service. In the event that there is no attendant in the nursery, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Altar today are presented in memory of Irene Hayes McCune, on what would be her 96th birthday, from her daughters, Mary Lou and Carole Sue.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Monday thru Thursday; 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday

Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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

Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.

Today, Sunday, August 20

Blessing of the Back Packs

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Adult Sunday School

Summer Sunday School

(See announcement)

10:45 Worship Service

Thursday, August 24

Jeannette, Penn Trafford & Hempfield

school years begin

Friday, August 25

6:00 Set-up for GIVE AWAY

Saturday, August 26

9:00 GIVE AWAY – Household & School Items

6:00 Contemporary Worship Service

Next Sunday, August 27

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Adult Sunday School

10:45 Worship Service

4:00 Choir Picnic at Schaefer's

Monday, August 21

Norwin school year begins

Tuesday, August 22

Newsletter Deadline

6:15 TOPS

7:30 NA

Wednesday, August 23

1:00 Bible Study

6:00 Lay Leadership meeting

7:00 Quilting

Today ends our hoagie camp fundraiser sale! Thank you to everyone that purchased hoagies over the past 7 months and thank you to everyone for camper prayers! What exactly went on at camp this year...look for "Camper Comments" in our September newsletter!

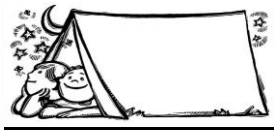
ATTENTION:

**PARENTS AND CHILDREN
FROM TODDLER TO HIGH SCHOOL**

Summer Sunday School class will be on today at 9:30 AM. The class will have a short lesson by Pastor Bruce, a snack, face painting and making animal balloons.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

and make our Summer Sunday School a success!



CAMP NEWS...Please keep the following ladies in your prayers this week as they attend the Women's Retreat at Camp Allegheny Friday, August 25 to Sunday, August 27th. (Maybe the husbands will need some prayers too while they're away!) **Cindy Lazar, Theresa Kreller, Sandy Lehner, Debbie Weaver, Micayla Freeman, Cindy Painter, Connie Bickerstaff and Laurie Saporito**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 8/20/2017

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: Our Children's Collection for this week will be sent to *Beverly's Birthdays*. This is a Pittsburgh based nonprofit organization which provides birthday cheer for children experiencing homelessness and for families in-need.

You can find more information on Beverly's Birthdays at <http://www.beverlysbirthdays.org/>

Beverly's Birthdays: 8/13 - \$123.00

RADA Cutlery - The Catalogs and Order Forms are now in and located on a table in the narthex! All of the items in this catalog are 100% American Made! These items make great Christmas, Wedding, Anniversary and Birthday gifts for teachers, family members and friends! Pick up a catalog and pass it around at work or share with your family, friends or neighbors. The prices are great and our church will profit 40% from any sales! All orders are due by **Sunday, October 29th**. Checks can be made payable to "FUMC." All order forms with checks or cash attached are to be placed in the office door slot. Catalogs can be returned to the table once you have finished your order, so we can recycle them. Orders will be available for Thanksgiving and Christmas giving.

Any questions, please contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

GIVEAWAY - HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Back to School Donation Drive

Saturday, August 26th 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Please see the bulletin insert, bulletin board flyers or contact Lonny Vogel (724-875-1975) for more details.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER ... CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON



On Sunday, September 17, 2017 our congregation is invited to attend a covered dish luncheon after the 10:45 service in the gymnasium/fellowship hall. See the September Newsletter and the up-coming weekly bulletins for more information.



Teen Center begins September 13th! Stay tuned for more details. We are in need of:

- 1) money to help purchase gaming equipment and TV's
- 2) volunteers to help chaperone and/or help in homework room. A minimum once a month commitment is all that is necessary. Volunteers will likely be the most difficult aspect of this, so PLEASE help!

Contact Pastor Stephen if you are interested. pastormannion@gmail.com, 412-610-3289

ANNUAL CONNECTIONAL APPORTIONMENTS

Take note of the annual Connectional Apportionment thermometer in the narthex. Here we will be able to monitor our progress. Let us pull together and help us to reach our goal of \$38,892 for our 2017 commitment.



ADDICTION ADDRESSED A COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SPONSORED BY:

First United Methodist Church of Irwin
310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642

Saturday, September 9, 2017
1:00pm-3:00pm

Learn how addiction is impacting our community and what is being done to address this epidemic!

FREE LUNCH EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: All articles for the September Newsletter are due in the office by Tuesday, August 22nd. Please email your articles to fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or leave a hardcopy of your article in the church office. Articles not received by August 22nd will be printed in the October/November Newsletter.

PRAYER QUILT: The *Stitch in Faith Ministry* team are currently taking requests for Prayer Quilts. Please take a peach colored “Prayer Quilt Request” form from the information stand in the Narthex, fill it out, and place it in the slot in the church office door. If you need more information, please contact Mary Reed or Cindi Painter.

The Rick Simms Memorial Work Trip 2017

Let us begin by thanking all who contributed to this years’ mission trip to Philippi, WV. It was a total success, even though it wasn’t totally completed. We were fortunate to have arrived at the Janet Andrade’s home the evening of Sunday, June 18th to dry conditions. That allowed the team to erect the tarps over the work site, set up the lumber cut station, paint station, and account for the materials that were delivered earlier in the week. With “Liquid Sunshine” in the forecast for Monday morning we were prepared for what Mother Nature had in store. Thank God!!!

The rain came in three distinct waves, with the last ending between 1 – 2 pm. Blue skies and bright sunshine were to follow, accompanied by lower humidity. This allowed us to work out from under the tarps building some of the first structure of the bedroom addition, while the posts were being set and cut to height. Even with the tarps in place, the runoff from the surrounding area filled the post holes with muddy water, making it difficult to maintain the post locations as earth was back filled. Progress was slow and pain-staking...but at least the rain had stopped. But, the damage was done...the area was soggy and difficult to walk about without slipping. The family got us two bales of straw to spread around to absorb the moisture and give better traction...until it too was unsafe. Choosing our steps carefully we continued to make progress while the sun began to dry out straw and ground. We chose to keep the tarps in place that day to protect the floor and walls that we had started before we lost the daylight about 9 pm. Tuesday found a very heavy dew along with any dampness the sun didn’t get dried out Monday in the pm. The tarps were taken down and work continued as the room began to take shape. With some of the best weather we have ever experienced over the years, we were able to move forward task by task. By the end of the day we were under roof, with the porch in place ready for its roof joist on Wednesday. Ice cream was enjoyed at the Dairy King in Philippi as the sun was setting. In full attack mode, the team members began the final parts of the project, only stopping for lunch and cake with ice cream, in thanks, from Janet’s family midafternoon. At some point, I asked someone what time it was...the answer was shocking!!! It was after 6 pm and there was trim being cut and installed, the joints were taped and the bedroom door was in place. We began to make our exit by getting the donated dresser, free standing shelf unit, carpet and padding, drywall compound, closet shelf into the house or onto the porch for the family to move in later. Instructions were given to the family as to where they would need to pick up from us to complete the room. The family was more than capable of the task remaining...in fact, they were going to begin to finish the drywall the next morning and paint the walls prior to installing the precut carpeting and furniture to welcome Isaiah into the family. Given the lateness of our return to A/B University it was after 8 pm before we got on the road home. We have been stopping at Ryan’s Buffet in Bridgeport, WV to eat dinner...but, ended up at Applebee’s instead. After a long day and eating late, some of us found it difficult driving home...arriving after midnight. In hindsight, it was a risk that could have been dire.

Thank God for Guardian Angels and your prayers we all made it home safely. Another family whose lives we changed because of our church’s mission outreach, faithfulness, and grace.



From Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

“Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:29-30)

The events in Charlottesville this past weekend were horrific. As I heard the stories and saw video of the march, counter-march, fighting and other violence, I was reduced to tears. It reminded me of previous videos I had seen of KKK marches, only those videos were from before I was born. The hatred I viewed this weekend was happening

in 2017 and the people spewing the hatred were not afraid to show their faces! How God must be grieving because the rhetoric of discrimination and hatred continues to be boldly shouted and written on placards directed at God's children.

I condemn these acts of hatred. I ask you to join me in prayer for Heather Heyer, who died from injuries sustained when a car was driven into a crowd of counter-protestors. Please pray for the families of Virginia State Police Lt. Jay Cullen and Trooper Berke M. M. Bates, who died when their helicopter crashed while circling Charlottesville. Pray with me for healing for those who were injured physically and emotionally by the violence.

Christians must resist the temptation to respond to racial and religious hatred with an anger that perpetuates violence. (Ephesians 4:26). The challenge is to respond with an anger that fosters grace-filled condemnation and accountability. The challenge is to respond with an anger that fosters empathy and promotes justice for the victims of the vitriol and violence.

As an annual conference, we have covenanted with each other and God to focus on dismantling racism. At our baptism we, or our sponsors on our behalf, answered yes to the question, "Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?" At each baptism we witness, we reaffirm our commitment to this covenant.

The way in which we respond to the events in Charlottesville demonstrates to God and the world whether or not we can be trusted to do what we say we are going to do. Will we be faithful to our covenant? Will we condemn the evil, injustice and oppression of hate groups?

Those are simple questions. There are no commas or semi-colons at the end, because when we add "but", we dilute our condemnation of evil, injustice and oppression and we give up some of our God-given freedom and power.

I ask you to join me in condemning these acts of hatred. I particularly ask those who are not usually targets of the KKK and neo-Nazi groups to condemn their acts. As an African American, I send a message by condemning these acts, but when the condemnation comes from an Anglo-American, the message is more compelling, particularly for those looking for ways to justify the actions of the KKK or neo-Nazi groups.

The good news is that God has promised to give us the freedom and power to resist and combat these forces. I am confident God will reveal to you how God wants you, in your context, to resist this evil, and God will give you the freedom and power to do it.

I am asking our Anti-Racism Team to suggest some ways local churches might respond. But don't wait for them. Pray and act, knowing that your bishop has been praying for your discernment and will support you. The world and God are waiting to see if we are people who mean what we say.

United Methodist Women Day Apart
Wednesday, September 6th at Camp Allegheny

Speaker: Rev. Patricia Nelson

9 AM-9:45 AM Registration 9:45 AM-2 PM Program

Cost \$12 per person

RSVP: Aug 30th to Greensburg District, 307 Freeport St, Delmont PA 15626

Phone: 724-461-7178

How to get connected to the District e-Newsletter - Many people are missing valuable information by simply not knowing to be connected to the monthly e-newsletter. The District e-Newsletters are also archived on the district webpage and can be viewed at anytime. To connect to the District e-Newsletter, follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Go to the WPA Conference website: www.wpaumc.org and scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Sign Up for Newsletters"
2. Enter your email address, first and last name
3. Select the Greensburg District Connector (e-newsletter)

Pastor Bruce will be having membership orientation classes soon. Anyone interested in becoming a member of our congregation at Irwin First United Methodist Church should contact the office or Pastor Bruce. If you will be transferring from another church, please let us know and we can notify your current church and begin the transfer process.



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. It's better to get multiple calls than none at all. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.*
