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August 15, 2021

August Memory Verse – Matthew 5:7

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy”

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.

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 111**

L: ¹Praise the Lord.

P: **I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

L: ²Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

P: ³**Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord whose righteousness endures for ever,**

L: ⁴who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

P: ⁵**The Lord provides food for the faithful and is ever mindful of his covenant.**

L: ⁶The Lord has shown his people the power of his works by giving them the heritage of the nations.

P: ⁷**The works of the Lord’s hands are faithful and just; the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy; they are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

L: ⁹The Lord sent redemption to his people and has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and wondrous is God’s name!

P: ¹⁰**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. The praise of the Lord endures for ever.**

ALL: Praise the Lord!

HYMN No. 127 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”, v. 1 & 2

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield;

Be Thou still my strength and shield.

WORD OF GOD Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY “A Song in Summer”

***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. 451 “Be Thou My Vision”**

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC

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 John 6:51-58

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵²Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON by Ron Slavin

***HYMN No. 3004 “Step by Step”**

Chorus

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways,

And step by step You'll lead me and I will follow You all of my days.

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Postludium in F”**

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

ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE

Worship Host – Robbyn Slavin

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, August 15

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

10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church

(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom
(Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password 104289)

Monday, August 16

7:00 Dartball Practice

Tuesday, August 17

9:00 Quilting

7:30 NA

Wednesday, August 18

10:00 Prayer Group Meeting

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

6:00 Youth Group at the church

7:00 AA

Thursday, August 19

6:30 NA

Friday, August 20

6:00 Brown Bag Meal

Saturday, August 21

6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner

Sunday, August 22

Newsletter Deadline

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10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church

(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom
(Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password 104289)

TAKING SOME TIME OFF!

Pastor Bruce will be on vacation August 13-28.

Dianne (Organist) & Fritz (Custodian) will be off August 20-22

ALSO IN AUGUST:

August 27-29 - Women’s Retreat at Camp Allegheny

Sunday, August 29 – Blessing of the Backpacks, Briefcases, Tote Bags, etc.

New Member Classes begin

Monday, August 30 – Church Picnic at Oak Hollow Park

Watch for more information on these events in the coming weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 8/15/2021



As we gear up for another school year, we invite our students to bring their backpack to church on Saturday, August 28th and Sunday, August 29th for a special blessing. Have you graduated to the workforce? You are welcome to bring your briefcase, tote bag, oversized-purse, lunch box, or whatever you carry your belongings in, for them to be blessed as well.

Everyone can use some reinforcement from God for their everyday journey. What a great way to begin another year!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: All articles for the September newsletter are due to the office by Sunday, August 22nd. **Committees - this is a good time to tell everyone about yourselves – what you do, when you meet, and how someone new can join your group.** Please email your information to Jeanne at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or drop off/send a copy of your article to the office. Articles not received by the deadline may not be published until the October newsletter.

THE GREENSBURG DISTRICT & THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY FAIR: For years and years, except for last year, the Greensburg District has hosted the Hospitality Room at the Westmoreland County Fair. We offered a private Nursing area for new mothers, changing tables to change diapers, and gave away free Bibles for those that wanted them. We took prayer requests and offered a listening ear to anyone that wanted to talk. We offered cold water, hard candy, and coloring pages for children. It has been a place to cool down in the air conditioning, a place of protection from storms and a welcoming place for people to gather to eat. Many of our district churches have supplied people to do two hour shifts throughout the two weeks that the fair was open. In exchange for your time (a two-hour shift), you will receive two complimentary tickets. The Fair this year is open from **August 20 to August 28.**

We are having some difficulty filling these slots. **Please call Rev. Beverly Gross at 412-953-4041 ASAP if you would be interested in helping at the Fair.**

Let us continue to be a blessing in this great ministry.

THE FLEA MARKET scheduled for August 7th has been **rescheduled for October 30th.** Tables will be rented for those wishing to sell their own items, food will be available for sale and there will be a bake sale. Please **do not** bring items to the church at this time to donate as we do not have the room to store them. We will let everyone know more details in the weeks to come.

**FUN - GAMES - FOOD - PRIZES
COME ONE - COME ALL**

to our Annual Church Picnic and have a **Great Time!**



Make plans for a great evening at our Annual Church Picnic on August 30th at 5:00PM (dinner at 6:00PM) at Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion. You can register by using the form on the table in the Narthex or there will be a sign-up sheet at the church. Forms may be placed in the offering plates. If you are not participating in-person at church at this time but would like to attend the picnic, please call Ethel Rosenburg at 724-864-3833, or the church office 724-863-6858. We will need to know your name, how many adults and children will be coming, if you need a ride, your phone number, and if you choose to bring a food item, what it will be.

NEW MEMBER CLASS will begin on Sunday, August 29th at 9:30 AM. Classes will run through September. If you would like to become a member of our FUMC family, please fill out the Family Information sheet (found on the table in the narthex) and drop it in the offering box. Pastor Bruce will be glad to talk to you about what it means to be United Methodist and a member of Irwin FUMC.

If you are already United Methodist you may transfer in at any time. Please contact the church office (724-863-6858 or fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) so we can obtain the transfer from your previous church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED: The Sunday School department is looking for a teacher for the 3rd through 5th grade class. If you are interested in working with this age group of children, or helping our Sunday School department in any way, please contact Becky Platt (412-816-1906) or the church office (724-863-6858.)

For the safety of our children, all teachers and helpers must have their clearances and Safe Sanctuary training. Becky, or the office staff, can give you more information on obtaining these.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS! SEPTEMBER IS APPROACHING FAST! We need your updated clearances as soon as possible. We are asking that ALL volunteers submit their most recent clearance (if you already have one) or complete and submit a clearance application request (if you do not have an updated clearance.) Unpaid volunteers are required at a minimum of every 60 months from the date of the oldest clearance. If you have any questions or are not sure of the last date that you submitted your clearance, feel free to call the office at 724-863-6858 or email Joyce (Office Manager/Financial Secretary) at joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING: In addition to the state clearances, the United Methodist Church requires that everyone working with children and vulnerable adults have Safe Sanctuary training. If you don't have Safe Sanctuary training or your Child Abuse clearances, please contact Pastor Bruce or the office and we can help you with the process of obtaining those certificates.



Dart Ball News!

Ages 12 and up are invited to be on our team and no experience is needed - just be willing to learn the game and have some fun!

Our next practice will be Monday, August 16th at 7:00 PM.

2021-2022 Season Games Begin: Monday, August 30, 2021 at 7:00 at Lutheran Church of Our Savior (LCOS). (Team members will be meeting at LCOS.)

If you are interested in joining the team or have any questions, call Alan Painter 724-446-0224.

Bible passages are taken from the New International Version (NIV) of the Holy Bible.

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ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS:

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.")

OUR CHURCH OFFICE: 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 724-863-6858 or joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON:

OUR GREETERS/CONTACT TRACING TEAM - contact Dianne Runser at the organ bench (or fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net, 412-372-5290)

CHURCH DIRECTORY APP FOR YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER: email Dianne Runser at fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net.

CAMP REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS - contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

WENDELL'S VISION – forms are available on the website or in the church office or contact Patty & Jack Osterman at namretsojp@gmail.com or 724-863-2796

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN NEEDED: The SPRC is still searching for a part-time custodian. This position is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4:30PM until 8:30PM and pays between \$10.00 and \$10.50 per hour. If you know someone who would be interested in this part-time position, they can go to www.indeed.com and type “Part Time Custodian” and “Irwin, PA” and it will take them to our listing. Eric Platt can provide additional information and can be reached at eric.platt@irwinfirstumc.org

Until this position is filled, if you would like to volunteer from time to time to help Phill and Fritz, please contact Eric or Pastor Bruce.



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.

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

Wanda H. ~ Redstone, N. Huntingdon Mary Greene, James R., Sr. ~ St. Anne's Home, Greensburg

Doris C. ~ Golden Heights (Harrison City) 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., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., 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, Stephanie S., Dave W., Bill & Elaine M., Kim V. Dorothy A., Paul & Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Lesley K., Debbie N., Cliff R., Penny & Jerry M., Ron M., Father John Moineau, Shirley B., Brandon G.

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., Paul and Michelle, Neil and Alma, Eugene W., Suzanne K., Bob & Bev M., Bob W., Joe K., COVID 19 Concerns, Our world, First Responders and Military, The Unrest in Our Country, Our Country and Leaders,

Pastor Bruce & Bonnie, Ron, Judy & Jim M., Joseph K., Sean and Heather M., Heather S. & Baby Lexi, Jean B., Travelers, Jane M., Megan F & Brian & babies, Rita, , Jane D., Grace L., Melvin L, Jr., Job Situations, The Marge Osterman Family, The John Naretto Family, Jean & Jim L, The Ruthanne Goodman Shade Family, The Vivian Kucherer Family, Bob M., Josh, Denise and Annie D.

This week’s Campers: Beverly McDonald, Owen Wasielewski, Zachary Wasielewski, Dakota Gilroy, Ava Gilroy, Mason Gilroy, Laurie Saporito, Irelyn O'Reilly, Kelton O'Reilly and Logan Saporito

***** **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. – Walter Reed Hospital	Carl B.
James G. – Maryland	Emery M. – Japan	Mark Russak
Makayla L. – Ft. Jackson, SC		Edward J. III

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August 14, 2021

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“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy”

Welcome

Announcements

Memory Verse

Opening Prayer

Worship Music:

Reckless Love

At the Cross

Sharing of joys and Concerns/Prayer

Offering

Worship Music:

Broken Vessels

O the Blood

Scripture & Message

Closing Song:

Jesus Loves Me

Prayer Requests

*“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge” (Psalm 62:8)*

FUMC Gift Card Fundraiser

Get 'em while they are hot! Thank you everyone who has supported the gift card fundraiser so far. The downtown small business restaurants and FUMC appreciate your support. Here is your chance to help these businesses recover from the pandemic and also help your church. We have partnered with the downtown restaurants to sell gift cards to their locations. A portion of your purchase of each gift card goes to the church. We are working to replenish cards that we sold out of. The list of cards currently available are listed below. So, treat yourself, or treat a friend, or give to a stranger in need. Try all the local restaurants! If you are going to visit these businesses help us with our ministries budget by purchasing the gift cards before you go to the restaurant. Here is the current status of gift cards available:

- \$10 cards – Brandy's on Main, Gato Taco and Tequila, Salsa Sams {Did you know they sell Penn State Creamery ice cream!}, McFeeley's Chocolate {We count a store that sells chocolate and ice cream as a restaurant!}, Iceburgh Bistro, Candy's Corner
- \$5 cards – Do Wood Fired, Burgher Burger (We hope to replenish these soon with \$10 cards)

The gift cards will be sold daily from 9-12 in the church office and between Sunday services – 9:30-10:30. If one of those times do not work, please fill out the form below along with the correct amount of cash or a check made out to FUMC and drop the envelope in the Offering Box in the narthex.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Total – Cash or Check {please circle one}

Please list the number of each restaurant card beside the business name

_____ Brandy's on Main _____ Gato Taco and Tequila _____ Salsa Sam's

_____ Iceburgh Bistro _____ McFeeley's Chocolate _____ Candy's Corner

_____ Do Wood Fired _____ Burgher Burger



Mark your calendars now for the church picnic on August 30, 2021 at Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion. Please note that this is a MONDAY EVENING. The picnic will start at 5:00 PM. Dinner is planned for 6:00 PM. Various meats will be provided for hot sandwiches. Table service items are provided. Please bring a cold dish (like a salad or dessert) to share with others. This way, no one has to rush home from work to prepare something hot. Drinks will be provided. A donation container will be provided if you wish to help defray the costs of the picnic. Before and after dinner, gather for games and fellowship. Also, bring lawn chairs if the picnic

benches are too hard for you.

A short vesper service will end the evening as we experience the beauty of God's world at sunset.

All are invited. If you need a ride, please let us know and we will try to make arrangements. Please let us know how many are coming. You may email the church office at irwinfirstumc@comcast.net or sign the form below, Please let us know by August 15 so that we can prepare enough food.

I will be attending the All-Church picnic:

Name _____

Number of adults attending _____

Number of Children attending _____

I plan to bring the following dish to share _____

I need a ride _____

I can provide a ride for someone _____

Phone Number _____