



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 8, 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 “Prayer for a Loved One (Meditation #2)”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103:1-6**

L: ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

² Lord, hear my voice!

P: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

L: ³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

P: ⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be worshiped.

L: ⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, in the Lord’s word I hope;

P: ⁶ ... my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

HYMN No. 2152 “Change My Heart, O God”

Chorus

Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You.

You are the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Chorus

You are the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Chorus

WORD OF GOD James 5:13-16

The Prayer of Faith

¹³Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Thank You, 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. 367 "He Touched Me"**

1. Shackled by a heavy burden, 'neath a load of guilt and shame,
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

Chorus

He touched me, Oh He touched me, and oh the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.

2. Since I met this blessed Savior, since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

Chorus

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC "Joyful, Joyful" – Handbell duet (Kyle and Katrina Bryan)

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 Luke 18:35-43

A Blind Beggar Receives His Sight

³⁵As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

³⁸He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

³⁹Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord, I want to see," he replied.

⁴²Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." ⁴Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Jesus Loves You”

ANOINTING FOR HEALING

***HYMN No. 2146 “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”, v. 1 & 3**

1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Chorus:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

3. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise.
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Chorus:

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Epilogue on ‘Silver Street’”**

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

ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE

Worship Host – Robbyn Slavin

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this week are presented by Paul & Iva Lou Bittner in honor of their 63rd anniversary.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC

Saturday Service – 20

Sunday - 8:15 – 29 10:45 – 43 In Person, 23 Online

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 – 8/8/2021

CAMP NEWS! What a busy week for camping coming up! Please keep the following campers in your prayers: Beverly McDonald, Owen Wasielewski, Zachary Wasielewski, Dakota Gilroy, Ava Gilroy, Mason Gilroy, Laurie Saporito, Irelyn O'Reilly, Kelton O'Reilly and Logan Saporito. They will all be heading to Jumonville today. You actually may hear this group in Irwin singing camp songs from the mountaintop! It is our hope and prayer that they have a fun, safe and memorable experience!



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. What a great way to begin another year!



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.

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.

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 8

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)

Thursday, August 12

6:30 NA

Friday, August 13

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

Monday, August 9

Tuesday, August 10

9:00 Quilting
7:00 Trustees Committee
7:30 NA

Saturday, August 14

8:30 Food Bank– Help needed
6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner

Wednesday, August 11

10:00 Prayer Group Meeting
(Zoom Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)
1:00 Bible Study
7:00 AA

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)

IT'S VACATION TIME!

These members of our staff will be taking time off in August:

1. Our Secretary/Receptionist, Jeanne, will be out of the office until Monday, August 16th. With that in mind, she has already prepared the bulletin for Sunday, August 15th. You will be receiving a second email this week with that bulletin attached to it. Should you have Prayer List concerns or announcements that haven't gotten into the August 15th bulletin, please contact Ron (724-691-7113) and he will see that they are announced at the services next week.

2. Our Custodian, Phill, will be away from August 8th through August 12th. Fritz will be here in the evenings to care for our building.
 3. Pastor Bruce will be away from August 14th through August 28th. Ron will be available to take calls during this time.
 4. Our Organist, Dianne, and Custodian, Fritz, will be away from August 20th through August 22nd.
- Please be sure to call the office before stopping by so that you can be sure someone will be there to assist you.

OUR GIFT CARD PROGRAM HAS BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS! There are still plenty of gift cards available for our neighborhood restaurants. They will be sold between our Sunday services, during the week in the office, or by dropping your request sheet & payment in the offering plate or office door slot. This is a great way to treat someone to dinner in Irwin and help our restaurants and church at the same time!

We want to give a very heartfelt thank you to John & Darlene Simpson for coordinating this program and obtaining the gift cards.

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.



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@irwinfirststunc.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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Holy Communion

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

Welcome

Announcements

Memory Verse

Opening Prayer

Worship Music:

If We’ve Ever Needed You

King Of The Broken

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Offering

Worship Music:

Hear Us from Heaven

Healer

The Blessing

Scripture & Message

Anointing with Oil & Song

Breathe on Me

Communion

Closing Song:

The Name of Jesus

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.

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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 _____