



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Bruce R. Judy, Pastor - 724-747-6098 (call or text)

Dianne Runser – Director of Music Ministry Ronald Slavin – Youth Pastor

Laura Willby – Contemporary Music Coordinator

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday in Advent - LOVE

December Memory Verse – II Timothy 1:7

“God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, of love, and of a sound mind.”

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

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Kyle Bryan 10:45 – Tracy Hawley

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

***UNISON PRAYER No. 201**

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS:

8:15 – Nellie Wiancko & Connie Bickerstaff

10:45 – The Slivka Family

RESPONSE: Lord God, help us always to remember that we are redeemed through our belief in your Son. No matter how far we stray, you’re always right there waiting for us, loving us. We rejoice in your steadfast love for all the people of the world, fulfilled in the birth of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

HYMN No. 204 “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS No. 2233 "This Is Where Children Belong"

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be used for our Youth Group SPARK participation.

Please see the announcements for more details.)

SPECIAL MUSIC 10:45 "Christmas Alphabet" – SonShiners

WORD OF GOD Malachi 3:1-4

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Reflections on 'Creator of the Stars at Night'"

***CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY (tune: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")**

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,

Glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One.

Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,

As we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

HYMN No. 242 "Love Came Down at Christmas"

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 3:1-6**

SERMON "Love"

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

***BENEDICTION**

MUSIC OF PARTING "Good King Wenceslas"

***Please stand if you are able**

SERVING YOU TODAY

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

SATURDAY - 20

SUNDAY 8:15 - 76 10:45 – 100

USHER TEAMS: 8:15 – Men's Group 10:45 – Lou Berta

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser, Jason Kirsch, John & Bernie Johnston

10:45 – Penny Brant, Josh Burger

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this morning are presented in memory of Charles Fetter from his wife Toni, their sons and grandson.

ADVENT COFFEE HOUR COORDINATORS:

8:15 – The Osborn Family & Beverly McDonald

10:45 – Sara Campbell & Barb Worthington

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

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

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

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

Today, Sunday, December 9

Coffee Hour after each service

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

Gift Give-away

10:45 Worship Service

12:15 SonShiners/Temple Chimes

7:00 Irwin Male Chorus

Monday, December 10

10:00 UM Women's Christmas Party

6:00 Cub Scouts

6:30 Grief Support

7:00 Dartball - A

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 Men's Work Team

7:00 Trustees

7:30 NA

Wednesday, December 12

9:30-11:30 Salvation Army

10:00 Quilting

1:00 Bible Study

5:00 Youth Center

Thursday, December 13

6:00 Brownies

6:15 Cathedral Bells

6:30 NA

6:30 Daisy Scouts

7:15 Choir

Friday, December 14

Gym closed

9:00 Food Bank Truck (help needed)

Saturday, December 15

9:00 Food Bank (help needed)

2:00 Lunch with Santa (see announcement)

6:00 Contemporary Worship

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Youth Center

Next Sunday, December 16

Coffee Hour after each service

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

Gift Give-away

10:45 Worship Service

12:15 SonShiners/Temple Chimes

December 30 will be "Wear Your Christmas Sweater to Church Day"

IRWIN MALE CHORUS: The Irwin Male Chorus, under the direction of Forrest Moore, will present a concert of sacred and seasonal music in our sanctuary this evening at 7:00 PM. The public is invited. Cookies are needed for the reception in our gym following the concert

CORRECTION!!! The United Methodist Women's Christmas Party is Monday Dec 10, 2018 at 11 AM, not December 19th as was incorrectly listed in the Newsletter. All women are invited. Please bring a covered dish and a wrapped \$1.00 grab bag gift. We will also be collecting new or gently used household items for Welcome Home shelter in Greensburg. A homeless shelter for women and children. Some examples of needed items kitchen items, linens, toiletries, cleaning items, holiday gift wrap, tape.

Please call Dot 724 863 0351 or Donna 724 864 4954 if coming to party or with questions



Attention all kids!!! If you would like to participate in the Christmas Eve program, please see Lisa O'Reilly on the balcony outside of the Sunday School classes. This will be a fun production as we help the Grinch find the Christ in Christmas! I would love to have lots of who boys and who girls come join us as we perform a Christian take of Dr. Seuss's popular Christmas story, *The Grinch*! As always, we will have one rehearsal right after second service on Sunday December 23rd.



ANGEL TREE: We have added more angels and stars to our Angel Tree! The stars are for grocery gift cards to help families with the cost of holiday meals. Angels will have a child's name with their wishlist and clothing size. For toy suggestions, please stick to a \$25 budget. All gifts should be wrapped and returned to church by Sunday, December 16th. Please do not wrap gift cards. Any questions, please contact Anne Osborn (724-744-7278 or annegiannetti@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 12/9/2018

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: This week the Children's Collection will be given to the Youth group to help defray the cost of their participation in the *SPARK* youth rally.

January 11-13, 2019 at Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh

SPARK is Western Pa UMC's annual youth rally. It is for youth in 6-12th grade and their leaders. It is an entire weekend of worship, messages, and fun (we also throw in a whole lot of Jesus too)!

Prices are \$185 per person. Registration cost includes two nights at the Sheraton, all the programming, evening activities, breakouts, and a shirt! The price also includes breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and lunch on Saturday.



Speaker - Dr. Duffy Robbins



Music by Big Al Cherry



Worship by Joshua Price

Our FUMC Youth Group will be attending *SPARK*. They will be having fundraisers in the coming weeks to help pay for their registration. Please support them in this effort if you can.

SPARK – 12/2/2018 - \$244.00

“THE LORD PROVIDES”

To our Church Family,

Just a friendly reminder from the Finance Committee to prayerfully complete and submit your 2019 Commitment Cards and turn them as soon as possible. They can be placed in the offering plates or turned in to the Church Office by December 31st. Thank You.

Matthew 6:33, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

Attention, SOS - Help to all who "Stitch with thread or yarn" !!! We have a critically low supply of Prayer Quilts, Shawls and Lap Afghans. Our next Dedication will be Sunday, December 16th at both services. Please see Mary Reed or Cindi Painter for a Dedication Card to be attached. Thank You and God Bless!

THANK YOU! Dear Church Family, Again you showed your “Love of God” by your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, food and caring thoughts when I really needed them for which I thank you dearly. I can never repay you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Also, thank you so much for your prayers for our Jeanne. Her chemo is over and she’s now waiting to start radiation treatments. We love all of you and thanks for everything.
Lovingly, Burnetta Green

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Our Grief Support group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 PM. There is no fee and the support group is open to anyone in our church or community who has experienced the pain of death and needs help working through their loss and managing their grief. Please contact Becky Rudy for more information.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT:

Each year, the Staff Parish Relations Committee collects contributions from our congregation toward Christmas bonuses for our dedicated Church Staff. Please join the SPRC in showing our appreciation for their work by contributing using the envelopes marked "Staff Christmas." Envelopes will be available through Sunday, December 16th.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity.





CHRISTMAS CARD BOARDS: Pastor Bruce has placed two easels in the Assembly Room for Christmas Cards. Please feel free to place a greeting card on the boards for everyone at church to enjoy. Don’t forget to check the board often to see the greetings from your church family and friends!

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.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098

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FREE LUNCH WITH SANTA

Saturday, 15th December 2018

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Music, Story, Games, Crafts, Hot Dogs,
Chips, Hugs/Water, Cookies.**

Pictures with Santa, \$5.00 by:



FUMC Youth Ministry

Pastor Ronald Slavin, ronaldslavin@comcast.net

Cell: 724 691 7113, Office: 724 863 6858



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Visit umcmarket.org, establish your free, online account and support
our FUMC ministry by creating donations.

1. Enter your email address
2. Type a nickname for your account
3. Create a password
4. Select a state (PA) and a city (Irwin.) A list of the UM churches and related organizations in the Irwin area will appear.
5. Select "Irwin First United Methodist Church"
6. Click "Signup"
7. At this point you may click on any of the available categories that may interest you or simply click "Skip" to continue.
8. Watch the short video clip which demonstrates how to shop using UMC Market.
9. Shop from among thousands of retailers. Each retailer will show what percentage of your donation will be given to our church. When you are finished shopping follow the procedure each store has to "Checkout" your items and make the necessary payment.

UMC Market will automatically receive notification of your sale and will place the funds in their "FUMC" account. When their "FUMC" account reaches \$100.00, UMC Market will send a check for that amount to our church.

ALL 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS must be in to the office by December 31, 2018 to be credited on your 2018 Annual Giving Statement. Contributions received after December 31, 2018 will be posted to your 2017 Annual Giving Statement.

Also, receipts for items that you have bought for the church and wish to be reimbursed for or have credit for on your annual giving statement must be turned in by January 7, 2019. After January 8th the 2019 financial records will be closed and all credits will go toward the 2019.



Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

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Start your shopping by going to **smile.amazon.com**

1. If you already have an Amazon account you may log into it at this time.
2. If you don't have an Amazon account, it is easy to create one following the instructions on the screen.
 - a. Enter the name you want on the account
 - b. Enter your email address. Re-type your email address
 - c. Create a password. Re-type your password
 - d. Click on the "Create an Account" button
3. Select a charitable organization
 - a. Type First United Methodist Church Irwin, PA
 - b. When the listing organizations appears on the screen, select "First United Methodist Church" Irwin, PA.
 - c. Click in the box that reads "I understand that I must always start at smile.amazon.com to support "First United Methodist Church" Irwin, PA.
4. Click on the "Start Shopping" button
5. Shop any of the thousands of stores available on Amazon. When you have completed your shopping click on "Proceed to Checkout"
6. Follow the instructions for shipping and payment.
7. Place your order. You will notice near your order number is a notation that you are supporting "First United Methodist Church."

It's that simple! You have your Amazon shopping done and, you have helped to support our church.

GIVING TO OUR CHURCH THROUGH UNITED WAY! Many of you are already contributing to United Way from your paycheck. You can give that portion to First UM of Irwin! Please tell them at your place of employment that you would like your portion of giving to go to your church! You will need our church code to do this donation online.

If you work in **Westmoreland County** the church code is: **416719**.

If you work in **Allegheny County** the church code is: **11850302**.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS WITH HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Please remember the following members and friends of our congregation who are in nursing homes or cannot get out of their homes. Make this an extra special time for them with a greeting from you and your family during the upcoming holidays.

June Guckert 660 Kimlyn Road <u>N Huntingdon, PA 15642</u>	LaVerne Milner 10911 Pegwell Drive <u>Midlothian, VA 23113</u>
Jane Earnest Redstone Highlands 12921 Redstone Drive Apt 247 <u>N Huntingdon, PA 15642</u>	LaVerne Frick Golden Heights 1015 Pennsylvania Avenue <u>Irwin, PA 15642</u>
Nancy Sprenger Redstone Highlands Apt 4408 12921 Redstone Drive <u>N Huntingdon, PA 15642</u>	Marge Osterman The Grove at Irwin 249 Maus Drive <u>N Huntingdon, PA 15642</u>
Bettie Heydt 1003 Edward Street <u>Harrison City, PA 15636</u>	Bobbie Jones 100 Western Avenue Apt 504 <u>Irwin, PA 15642</u>
Dorothy Burnside Asbury Heights 700 Bower Hill Road <u>Pittsburgh, PA 15243</u>	Doris Collins Golden Heights 1015 Pennsylvania Avenue <u>Irwin, PA 15642</u>
Sally Hildbold 147 Manchester Drive <u>Irwin, PA 15642</u>	Patty Hawk 206 Maple Street <u>Irwin, PA 15642</u>
Catherine Veverka Transitions Healthcare 8850 Barnes Lake Road <u>N Huntingdon, PA 15642</u>	Wanda Halavan Redstone Highlands Apt 384 12921 Redstone Drive <u>N Huntingdon, PA 15642</u>
Mary Greene 4023 Chiefton Road Irwin, PA 15642	Nancy Wallace 9864 McClellan Street N Huntingdon, PA 15642

These addresses are correct to the best of our knowledge. If you find an incorrect address, please let the office know so we can change it in our records. Thank you.

First United Methodist Church Community (All Ages)

310 Oak St
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8:00 PM to 12:15 AM
Monday, December 31, 2018



Youth Ministry

Pastor Ronald Slavin;
ronaldslavin@comcast.net
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8:00 PM

31 DECEMBER



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