

**ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE**  
Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin  
Music Leader - 10:45 a.m. - David Lyons

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC**  
Saturday Service - 25  
Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 54 10:45 a.m. - 84  
Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 22

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**December 26, 2021**

**1st Sunday after Christmas**

**Christmas Memory Verse - John 14:1**

***"Do not let your hearts be troubled.***

***You believe in God; believe also in me."***

***The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.***

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

**GATHERING & WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY**

**THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

**"What Child is This"**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

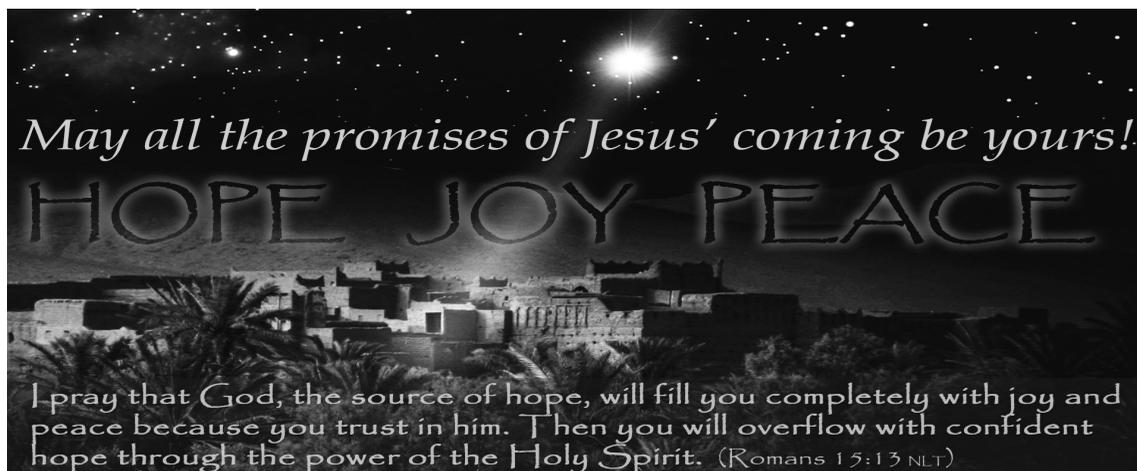
**Psalm 148:1-6**

**L:** Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

**P:** Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

**L:** Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**P:** Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.



**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (cont.)**

*Psalm 148:1-6*

- L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,  
P: **And he established them for ever and ever - he issued a decree that will never pass away.**  
ALL: **Praise the Lord.**

**\*HYMN No. 218**

**“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: “  
Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious  
King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

**WORD OF GOD**

*Colossians 3:12-17*

**PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY**

**“On Christmas Day in the Morn”**

**\*ADVENT 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. 230**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

**\*HYMN No. 230 (cont.)**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

5. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**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**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 2:41-52*

L: The Word of God for the children of God.  
P: **Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Let Earth Receive Her King” - Chancel Choir**

**\*HYMN No. 249**

**“There's a Song in the Air”**

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!
2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,  
For the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING”**

**“All Heaven Rejoices”**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **A Progressive Nativity Experience the 1st Sunday After Christmas 2021**

*Wow! What a spiritual and breathtaking experience that was on  
the First Christmas!*

**The birth of our Savior-Messiah, the Lord has been born  
in Bethlehem the City of David!**



Let's recap some of the events from Christmas:

\*After a long and tiring trip to Bethlehem, there was no lodging available for Mary and Joseph and it came time for Mary to have her baby!

\*The Messiah was born in a stable, wrapped snugly in strips of cloth and laid in a manger.

\*An Angel announced the Messiah's birth to the frightened shepherds who were out in their fields tending their sheep.

\*Then the vast host of others - the armies of heaven - joined the angel praising God.

\*The shepherds hurried to the village of Bethlehem to meet this newborn Messiah after the angels left!

\*The shepherds glorified and praised God for everything they had seen and heard when they met the Messiah!

\*The wise men are still following the star to Bethlehem after meeting with King Herod in Jerusalem.

Scene 1, in *Luke 2: 21-24 (NLT)*

*Then it was "eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived."*

*"Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so, his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." "So, they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord - "either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."*

You will notice the pair of turtledoves in a cage at the manger scene. They are representing the purification offering Mary and Joseph had ready to take with them to the temple. The Wise Men continue to follow the star guiding them to where the Baby was born.

**WENDELL'S VISION** - We are still waiting to receive your request(s) for that project/task you need or want to check off your "things to do list". We will not be starting any new projects/tasks now until after the new year, but that shouldn't stop you from filling out that request form you got or need to get from our ministry station in the "June Coons Ministry Outreach Center" (the old assembly room). We are praying for you in anticipation of that request. Let's work together to fulfill your wishes. No request is too small; however, some may not be possible for various reasons. But unless you ask, we'll never know. All requests are vetted using the same criteria for fairness. The only thing we ask is that you are a regular attendee of the Saturday or Sunday services of Irwin First. Check out the church website for the latest photos of Before & After recently posted.

All of the volunteers hope you have a Joyous Christmas and a Grand New Year. May the Reason for the Season continue to Bless this Ministry!!!

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

**PRAYER QUILTS AND PRAYER SHAWLS** - Stitch in Faith & Hands to Work, Hearts to God Ministries continue to offer dedicated quilts, baby blankets, prayer shawls, lap afghans and afghans to those in need of one. However, we need your help in distributing them. Don't forget to please notify one of the Pastors if prayers are needed. Any questions, notify Mary Reed or Cindi Painter.



**GIVE BLOOD, IT'S A LIFE SAVER** - The January 18th blood drive has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 26 from 12:30-6:00 p.m. Please consider participating in this life saving ministry.

**BLESSING BOX** - We stock our Blessing Box with toiletry items for those who are in need of them in our community. The need at this time is very great and we hope you can help. If you have donations of new items such as tooth paste and tooth brushes, shampoo and conditioner, bath soap, deodorant or any personal hygiene items, please bring them to the church when you come for Saturday or Sunday services. Please be sure that all items are new and in their original packaging. If you have any questions about the Blessing Box, please contact Pastor Bruce or Ron. Additional Blessings Boxes are located in Irwin at the First Assembly of God Church on Oak Street (canned goods) and at the Cheesecake Café on Main Street (books.)

**NATIVITY TEAM APPRECIATION**

-We hope those who have been able to worship with us here at Irwin First United Methodist Church have been blessed by the Progressive Nativity Experience. We hope and pray Christmas and the scriptures of the Messiah's birth are more meaningful to you.

-This Progressive Nativity Experience is from God's inspiration and in honor of our dear friends and teachers, Bettie and Glenn Heydt.

-The many prayers and support from you, the congregation, Pastor Bruce Judy and Ron Slavin, we thank you!

-For all who will celebrate the true meaning of Christmas because of a better understanding of the scriptures related to Jesus' birth and are willing to share to those who may not know!

-Thank you all and have a merry, blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Your Nativity Team,

Bernie and John Johnston, Mary Reed, Pat and Jack Osterman, Laurie and Tim Saporito, Missy Andrison, Mike Andrison, Georganne and Jim Morgan, Lisa O'Reilly and Alan and Cindi Painter

**NATIVITY GROUP AND QUILTERS** - The Nativity Group will continue to meet each Tuesday morning (and Saturdays if needed) until the week after Epiphany. Quilting will resume in January on the first and third Tuesdays. Nativity will meet every second and fourth Tuesdays. Any questions, please notify Mary Reed or Cindi Painter. We welcome anyone who would like to join us "you are a stranger but once"! We really do have fun!

**LOVE OFFERING** - Our facilities' manager, Phill Paden, will be retiring as of December 31, 2021. Let us show our appreciation for the many hours and years that Phill has served First United Methodist Church. Today is the last day we will be collecting this "Love Offering" Please use the enclosed envelope to place your gift in the collection plate.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** - All contribution booklets have been mailed out. If you did not receive yours, please contact the Finance Office at 724-864-6858. Meanwhile there are extra booklets in the "June Coons Room" on the NOW Committee Station. This booklet along with a "Key Code Card" will give members a better sense of privacy and security, as well as a more organized process. You will receive booklets quarterly. Holidays will show on the quarter in which the holiday falls. A "Key Code Card" example is below and will remain in the bulletin weekly through the entire month of December. We will also include a paper copy of the "Key Code Card" in the bulletin during the month of January. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Financial Secretary at 724-863-6858.

**CONTRIBUTION CODE KEY**

Use the following codes when contributing or write a specific mission you would like to support.

200 General Fund	514 \$2 Fund	701 Utilities	500 Conn Appt	80 Memorial	215 Love Offering	361 Food Bank
45 PDF	226 Communion	232 Thanks-giving	324 Brown Bag Comm Dinner	217 Easter	211 Palm Sunday	212 Maundy Thursday
213 Good Friday	216 Lent	87 Wendell's	40 Youth	13 VBS		Boiler Repair
Café	Write In					

**DAILY BREAD and THE UPPER ROOM** - December, January and February's Daily Bread and Upper Room are available in the "June Coon's Assembly Room". The "Daily Bread" is free and the "Upper Room" is available for the low cost of \$.75. Please place your \$.75 in the envelope provided and place it in the offering plate. Both are located in the literature rack by the windows. If you have had the opportunity to use these prayer devotionals before, now is the perfect time, they are also great stocking stuffers!

**CAMP FUNDRAISER**

We will continue with the 14" Hoagies, 12" Pizzas and Pepperoni Rolls as a fundraiser for camperships. See enclosed form. We will still be using Post Avenue Fundraising for these food items. Price is \$ 8.00. Checks should be made payable to First UM Church on pickup day. Pickup dates at the church will be the first Sunday of February, March, April and May. Forms need to be turned into the church on Sunday, January 23, 2022. Your support of this fundraiser is appreciated!

Our church contributes 30% of total camp costs for campers who are members of Irwin First United Methodist Church or who are attending our church. Camp books should be available in January. Watch for further information.

Remember our **CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPERS** project. There are blue bins outside our church. They accept clothing, belts, purses, curtains, etc. Mission Partners will pick up our items and send the church a check used for camperships. Thank you for your help! If you have questions, contact Debbie Weaver 724-863-4236.



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CAMP FUNDRAISER**

Question: Contact Debbie Weaver - (724) 863-4236  
Post Avenue Fundraising - (800) 394-8137

<b>NAME:</b>							
<b>PHONE:</b>				<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:</b>			
<b>14" HOAGIES - \$8.00</b>							
Italian w/ Onions	Italian No Onions	Traditional w/ Onions	Traditional No Onions	Ham/Swiss w/ Onions	Ham/Swiss No Onion	Pizza	Turkey No Onions
<b>12" PIZZA - \$8.00</b>				<b>FRESH, NOT FROZEN, READY TO BAKE</b>			
PEPPERONI PIZZA		PLAIN PIZZA		WHITE PIZZA			
<b>PEPPERONI ROLLS - \$8.00 FOR 2 PACK</b>							
2 PACK SPICY PEPPERONI ROLLS				2 PACK REGULAR PEPPERONI ROLLS			

### **THIS WEEK AT IRWIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of pastoral care.  
His contact information is as follows: 724-747-6098 (call or text) -  
[preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

#### **Sunday, December 26**

8:15 a.m. - In-Church and Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)  
10:45 a.m. - In-Church and Drive-in Church - Radio 87.9 FM, Facebook, YouTube  
and Zoom (Meeting ID#: 633 303 454 Password: 104289)

#### **Monday, December 27 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **Tuesday, December 28**

9:00 a.m. - Nativity Group  
7:30 p.m. - NA

#### **Wednesday, December 29**

9:30 a.m. - Salvation Army  
10:00 a.m. - Zoom Prayer Group Meeting  
Zoom Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password: 3U22u3  
7:00 p.m. - AA

#### **Thursday, December 30**

6:30 p.m. - NA

#### **Friday, December 31 - New Year's Eve - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Happy New Year!**

#### **Sunday, January 2 - Communion Sunday**

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service

**HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR**

**HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS**—If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from Pastor Bruce, please call the office or you may call/message Pastor Bruce directly at 724-747-6098. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he does not know there is a need.*



#### **IN PERSONAL CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES**

Wanda H. - Walden View; Dorothy B. - Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon; Mary Greene & James R., Sr. - St. Anne's Home, Greensburg; Doris C. - Golden Heights, Harrison City; Altozoe S. - Hempfield Manor.

#### **CONTINUOUS PRAYER**

Linda K., Larry R., Jule K., Mark L., Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Cheryl and John M., Tim and Diane N., Rick H., Marlin A. and 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., Fred and Barb S., Mischa and 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 and Elaine M., Kim V., Dorothy A., Paul and Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Lesley K., Debbie N., Cliff R., Penny and Jerry M., Ron M., Father John Moineau, Shirley B., Brandon G., Kathy H. and  
**Missionaries:** Bob & Natalie F. and Family (India), John and Diane K. (Mexico) and Connie Wieck.

#### **THIS MONTH'S PRAYER LIST**

*We will change the prayer list the first Sunday of each month. Please contact the church office with names for the list.*

Thomas and Shirley B., Alice H., Donald K., Jonathan and Felicia, Mike and Debbie A., Jim and Diane H., Denny and Karen H., Denise Downey family, Madison and babies, Trenton, Vi, Sandy L., Neil and Alma, Bob W., Jim and Georganne M., Allan H., Arthur B., the Ron Lohr family, Arthur Blake and the Blake family, our world, First Responders and Military, our Country and Leaders, job situations and those traveling.

#### **MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Brandon D., Colby S., Angelo W., Nicholas P., David J., Amanda M., James G., Emery M., Makayla L., Mark Russak, Sara D., Jeremy L., Carl B., Dylan A., Thomas C. and Edward J. III.