

## CHURCH FINANCES as of October 2022

July Income \$29,930.59  
July Expenses \$18,023.85  
Month Ending 11,906.74

August Income \$27,131.62  
August Expenses \$24,792.13  
Month Ending 2,339.49

September Income \$22,156.17  
September Expenses \$31,725.17  
Month Ending -9,569.00

October Income \$28,243.65  
October Expense \$17,878.15  
Month Ending \$10,365.50

At the End of October, we are at a

Positive \$10,365.50 (BUDGET VS ACTUAL)

Year to Date we are at a Positive \$12,905.40 (INCOME VS EXPENSE)

THE CHURCH AND ITS OFFICE RUNS TRANSPARENT, IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT FINANCES REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE MANAGER. YOU CAN REACH HER BY - STOPPING IN THE OFFICE DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WHICH ARE MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 10-2, BY CALLING HER AT 724-863-4977 OR BY EMAIL AT [joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org](mailto:joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org).

**“Raise the Roof” Campaign**  
**balance as of November 15, 2022, is**  
**\$14,318**

### Anybody Welcome

The Sanctuary is open and available for prayer and meditation.

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Please sign in and out on the volunteer sheet found on the office half door.



## **First United Methodist Church**

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

Dianne Runser - Music Ministries

Ronald Slavin - Youth Ministries

Laura Willby - Contemporary Music Coordinator

**December 4, 2022**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Memory Verse - Psalm 150:6**

***“Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Amen.”***

### **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**

**“Gabriel’s Message”**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 72:18-19**

L: Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

P: Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

\*HYMN No. 203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 8:15 a.m. - Slivka Family  
10:45 a.m. - David Platt Family

\*HYMN No. 211 (vs. 1) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CHILDREN'S CHAT

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

The Children's Offering for the month of November will be going to a local mission. October's monies went to Irwin Fire Department.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"- Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD *Romans 15:5-9, 13*

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY "In the Bleak Mid-Winter"

\*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

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. 2071 "Jesus, Name above All Names"

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 *Matthew 3:1-3, 11-12*

SERMON "United in Christ"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT

*All are welcome to the table of our Lord*

\*HYMN No. 431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

\*BENEDICTION

\*MUSIC OF PARTING "A Joyous Song of Praise"



*Altar Flowers* The flowers on the altar are in honor of God's grace.



ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin

Music Leader - David Lyons

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC

Saturday Evening - 8

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 50 10:45 a.m. - 56

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 13

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.



**HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED**

CPR, NARCAN and AED training will be provided to all staff and volunteers on **Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.** here at the church. Cost for certification is \$40 per person and non-certification is \$20 per person. Volunteers can pay the day of the training and the payments will be collected by the trainer.

**Please call the church office to be added to the sign-up sheet.  
724-863-6858**

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING REV. BRUCE JUDY**

**Christmas giveaway being held Saturday, December 17, 2022 from  
9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

**Donations will be accepted one  
week prior to the giveaway.**

**Call the church office for donation drop offs. 724 863 6858.**

**All items welcome: clothing, toys, household items, Christmas  
decorations, .**



The Irwin Senior Activity Center will be having their Christmas party on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Make sure to stop and join the fun!



**SALVATION ARMY DIRECT NUMBER - 724-331-7832.** If you know of anyone in need of our services please do not hesitate to call.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Second Sunday of Advent, December 4*

The tax man cometh. Or, in Mary & Joseph's case, "the tax man calleth". Calleth for a census in order to better assess taxes. Several decades before Jesus' birth, the Jews lost their freedom. Again. This time to Rome. At first the Hebrew leadership worked with the Romans.

However, the oppression made the Messianic promise appear even fainter at a time when the Hebrews most needed hope of salvation. Roman Centurions walked among them as a visible reminder of the absence of freedom to be the people they believed that God had called them to be. So it is that Caesar Augustus decreed that every man had to return to his ancestral home to register. Joseph was a descendent of King David therefore he had to travel to Judea. Our Progressive Nativity scene today illustrates the journey of Mary & Joseph to conform to the Roman edict. They embarked on a trek of a hundred or so miles which would have likely taken a week or more. The terrain was unforgiving and the trip exhausting. Provisions were scarce and spirits sagged as weariness set in. Still, the holy couple trudged on toward fulfillment of their obligation. Assurance of God's calling upon their lives buoyed them along the way. Faithfulness was a choice and not easy. Did they meditate upon the prophetic passage from Micah 5:2, "And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel." Could they have grasped the role they would play? Obedience requires sacrifice yet the soul sings as each one's part in the plan of God is realized.

**Staff Appreciation Love Offering:** As a result of all their hard work and dedication, Irwin First United Methodist Church continues to provide 43 ministries to Irwin and the surrounding communities. Every single day, they inspire us in their support with the mission of this Church. You can join us by showing your support with a staff appreciation "love offering" by using the enclosed envelope. The staff consists of (in no particular order): Dianne Runser, Robbyn Slavin, Laura Willby, Josh Burger, Joyce Shaffer, Alyssa Bazala, Jj Weber, Ed Bogle, David Lyons, and Rue Redman.

### It's Angel Tree Time!

This year we have 22 families with a total of 65 children seeking help for Christmas.

Please help the children in our community by taking an angel from the tree in the Narthex. Be sure that we record the number on the angel, your name and phone number, if no one is at the tree, feel free to record your information on the sheets next to the tree. Please return wrapped gifts no later than Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Robbyn at 724-600-5940.

The Crazy Christmas Club Committee will be sponsoring a Reverse Advent again this year to bless our Angel Tree Families with extra food at Christmas. Reverse Advent is a fun way to collect food. Just pick up a list from the table near the tree in the Narthex, purchase the item or food for each day and by day 24 you will have a basket full of food to give! These will also be due back by Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, depending on the day you get your list, you might have to double up a couple days to complete the basket on time! If you have any questions reach out to Robbyn or Missy Andrison. Thank you all for your continued support of our committee and the families in our community.



### LADIES OF THE CHURCH

The United Methodist Women would like to invite any ladies of the church to our Christmas party on Monday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m., we will have a \$5.00 gift exchange game. We would like a RSVP if you plan on attending, please call Donna Weber at 724-864-4954 or Dot Depp at 724-863-0351.

**Members remember your grab bag and the dish you signed up to bring!**

### The next Prayer Quilt & Prayer Shawl Dedication is December 10th & 11th.

Thank you for all who have dedicated their time and talents in sewing, knitting and/or crocheting items to be dedicated.

Please see Cindi Painter for a Prayer card to be attached. Each item is placed in plastic bag with a prayer card, cleaning instructions and approximate size noted.

Prayer Quilts and Prayer Shawls are freely given and Dedicated for those who are in need of a touch of God's Love from Our Church to You!

It is our hope those who receive a Prayer Quilt or Prayer Shawl will be Blest with God's Love and warmed as you wrap yourself up and receive God's Love--kinda-like a Hug from God!

As each one has been hand made for you, it was Prayed over for You & Your Loved One. So don't hesitate in taking one today!

(The ladder shelf in the narthex will have some on for your taking any time.)

Visit Us During the *Christmas*  
**COOKIE TOUR**  
*Open House*  
Friday, December 9th | 5:00 –8:00 PM  
7:00 PM -Youth Group presents  
a special performance of "Tinsel"  
First United Methodist Church  
Irwin, Pa  
310 Oak St | Irwin, PA  
(724) 863-6858  
adno=264619

## 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 4

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service  
7:00 p.m. - Irwin Male Chorus & Westmoreland College Brass ensemble

### Monday, December 5 - Salvation Army Bell ringing

9:00 a.m. - Nativity Group  
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts  
6:00 p.m. - Dartball

### Tuesday, December 6 - Salvation Army Bell ringing

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center  
12:00 p.m. - Ministerium meeting (Colonial Grill)  
6:00 p.m. - Basketball  
7:00 p.m. - NOW meeting  
7:30 p.m. - NA

### Wednesday, December 7

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center  
10:00 a.m. - Quality Control Meeting  
1:00 p.m. - Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. - Zoom Prayer Group Meeting  
Zoom Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password: 3U22u3  
7:00 p.m. - AA

### Thursday, December 8

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center - Christmas Party  
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts  
6:00 p.m. - Basketball  
6:15 p.m. - Cathedral Bells  
6:30 p.m. - NA  
7:15 p.m. - Choir

### Friday, December 9

9:00 a.m. - Food Bank Truck  
5:00 p.m. - Christmas Cookie Tour  
6:00 p.m. - Open House  
7:00 p.m. - Youth Play

### Saturday, December 10

8:00 a.m. - Food Bank  
6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Service  
7:15 p.m. - **Christmas movie (The Star)**

### Sunday, December 11

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service

**Breakfast between services/ Youth Play: Tinsel**

**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; Mary Greene & James R., Sr. - St. Anne's Home, Greensburg; Altozoe S. - Hempfield Manor.

### CONTINUOUS PRAYER

John D., Ed b., Teagan S., Renee, Judy, Heather, Matt, and Loraine F., Kristi R., Barbara G., Terry and Deb Y., Diana M., John D., Mike P., Kate G., Cindy M., Ed D., Betty Jo M., Eric S., Kathy S., Floyd, Rose D., Connie P., Jane, Rob F., Renee E., Finn, Sandy D., Connie B., Sandye C., Daryl S., Jamie, Peg and Lamont, Pat C., Marlene W., Al M., Jennifer H., Lilly, Ronnie L., Gary E., Molly A., Mary and Dan G., Maria B., Ed B., Jonathan and Felicia W., Bob and Judie M., Dorothy A., Patti W., Josh A., Donna W., Vi N., Sandy L., 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., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Dean and Dorothy, 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., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura, Dave W., Kim V., Dorothy A., Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Lesley K., Debbie N., Cliff R., Penny and Jerry M., Ron M., Father John Moineau, Shirley B., Brandon G. 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.*

Kathy U., Barb E., Jennifer G., Denise and Annie, Neil and Alma, our world, Military and First Responders, our Country and Leaders, job situations and those traveling.

### MILITARY PERSONNEL

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

We are selling Red FUMC T-Shirts to Help Raise our Roof!



The front left chest    The back of t-shirt



The screen print will be white on the red t-shirts

Shirts will be \$20 each for sizes S-XL, \$21 for 2 XL, \$22 for 3XL and \$23 for 4XL.

Final shirts orders are due **Sunday, December 4** in order to have them for Christmas!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# and Sizes of t-shirts ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount - Check or Cash Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Orders can be placed with Pastor Ron 724-691-7113, the Office 724-863-3804 or place in the weekly offering

God loves you and so do We!

We need your help! We at First United Methodist Church in Irwin have a tremendous facility that has been serving the Irwin and surrounding communities for over one hundred years. We presently have 47 Ministries existing within the body of FUMC utilizing talents in the way God is calling you to do. Our complete list is available at:

<https://www.irwinfirstumc.org/groups/committees/finance>

The challenge with our facility is keeping it in the condition necessary to continue to serve our community. Presently \$30,000 is needed to repair the slate on the main portion of the roof and replace 2 of our flat roofs. We are asking for donations within our church and community to help continue our mission:

*"The First U.M. Church of Irwin exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are a community of believers, centered on Christ, united by God's love, and empowered by the Holy Spirit"*

Please contribute what God is calling you to help us with our Raise our Roof Campaign. You can either fill out the information on the bottom of the form and drop it off in the church office or offering plate and/or contribute online by credit card at <https://www.irwinfirstumc.org/fundraisers> . **Each donation will be matched through our capital improvements matching fund previously established by one of our benefactors.** Thank you.

**God Loves You and So Do We!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_