



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**February 21, 2021**

**February Memory Verse - John 3:16:**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

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*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.

**PRELUDE            “God Will Make a Way”**

**MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY**

**THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Psalm 25:1-5**

**L:** <sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I will lift up my soul.

**P:** <sup>2</sup> **O my God, in you I trust, let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

**L:** <sup>3</sup> Let none that wait for you be put to shame;

**P:** ... **let them be ashamed who are clothed with treachery.**

**L:** <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

**P:** ... **teach me your paths.**

**L:** <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me.

**All: Amen**

**\*HYMN No. 61            “Come, Thou Almighty King”, v. 1 & 2**

1. Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,  
    help us to praise! Father all glorious,  
    O'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,  
    our prayer attend! Come, and Thy people bless,  
    and give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

**LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY – Eric Platt**

## **WORD OF GOD 1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup>After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—<sup>20</sup>to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup>and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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

**OFFERTORY "Offertory on 'Quebec'"**

**\*LENTEN DOXOLOGY (tune: "Old 100<sup>th</sup>")**

**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise,  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**\*HYMN No. 347 "Spirit Song"**

1. Oh let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

### **Chorus**

Jesus, Oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.  
Jesus, Oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

2. Oh come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,  
lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
O give Him all your tears and sadness; give Him all your years of pain,  
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

### **Chorus**

## **CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**SPECIAL MUSIC "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross w/Thank You for the Cross"  
Chancel Choir**

## **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 Mark 1:9-15**

*The Baptism and Testing of Jesus*

<sup>9</sup>At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup>and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

*Jesus Announces the Good News*

<sup>14</sup>After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup>“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

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

**P:** Thanks be to God

**SERMON “It Is Written”**

**HYMN No. 269 “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”, v. 1 & 4**

- 1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
teach us with Thee to mourn our sins and close by Thee to stay.
- 4. And through these days of penitence, and through Thy passiontide,  
yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “Christ, the Cornerstone”**

**(Please allow the ushers to direct you as you leave the sanctuary.)**

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

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**ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE**

Worship Host – Robbyn Slavin

Song Leader – David Lyons

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – 2/21/2021**

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**UPPER ROOM:** The March/April issue of the Upper Room is now available. This issue contains readings for the Lenten season and inspirational stories from Christians around the world. Please pick one up today.

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**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will begin today, February 21<sup>st</sup> during the Sunday School hour (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM.) The classes will meet each Sunday through March 28<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation Sunday will be Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 AM service.

Confirmands are usually around 12 years of age. Anyone who would like to be part of the Confirmation Class of 2021 should contact Pastor Bruce or Ron.

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**FUMC MEMBERSHIP:** 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 and will let you know when the next New Member Orientation will be.

**Also,** we want to be sure to have everyone’s correct information. So, if any of your contact or family information has changed in the last two years, please use the Family Information sheet to update it.

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## 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](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

Please note: the church Secretary/Receptionist is in the office Monday through Friday until noon. Occasionally, there will be times (bad weather, COVID 19 mandates, illness, vacation) when there may not be anyone in the office. Please call before coming in to make sure someone is in the office to assist you.

### Sunday, Sunday, February 21

- 8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church  
(Radio 87.9 FM)
- 9:30 Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12),  
Harvesters Adult Class,  
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA
- 9:30 Toddler – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School  
(see announcement)

### 10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church

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

5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park

### Monday, February 22

#### Newsletter Deadline

- 5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
- 6:30 Cub Scouts

### Tuesday, February 23

- 5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
- 7:30 NA

### Wednesday, February 24

- 9:30 Salvation Army
- 10:00 QC Meeting
- 10:00 Prayer Group Meeting  
(Zoom Meeting ID#311 4389 930,  
Password 3U22u3)
- 1:00 Bible Study  
(Meeting ID: 89493128220, Passcode 104289)
- 5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
- 5:00 Youth Center
- 6:00 Healing Service
- 7:00 AA
- 7:00 N.O.W. Committee

### Thursday, February 25

- 5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
- 6:00 Girl Scouts
- 6:15 Cathedral Bells
- 6:30 NA
- 7:15 Choir

### Friday, February 26

- 6:00 Brown Bag Meal

### Saturday, February 27

- 6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner

### Sunday, February 28

- 8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church  
(Radio 87.9 FM)
- 9:30 Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12),  
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*Feed the Body  
Feed the Soul*

**Contemporary Saturday Evening  
Service 6 - 7PM**

Enjoy a light dinner with music  
and devotions!

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## Grief Support Group

Restarting March 8, 2021

6:30 pm-8:00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month

Grief is deep sorrow, especially caused by someone's death.

Bereavement is the state of being deprived of something or someone.

Mourning is a time of sadness because of a loss.

**We all have had many reasons to mourn over this past year!**

Some of us have mourned the loss of loved ones, while some have mourned the loss of a job, a home, security, or our lifestyle. With so many losses at this time, First United Methodist Church Irwin is pleased to continue the Grief Support Group at this difficult time.

You can help others in the mourning and grief process by sharing your journey. Please join us to discuss our losses and support each other through them.



 American Red Cross | Community of Giving

## BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, March 24, 2021

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

in gym of our church.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: IrwinFirstUMC to schedule an appointment.

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**TODDLER – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL:** this age group has not yet returned to in-church Sunday school. Please use the contact information listed to participate in the Zoom classes:

Toddler Zoom Sunday School - 2-4 year old children - please email or call Dawn Capecci 412 651 2503, [missdawn25@yahoo.com](mailto:missdawn25@yahoo.com) or Donna Weber 724 864 4954, [donnam\\_weber@yahoo.com](mailto:donnam_weber@yahoo.com) for more information and the Zoom instructions.

Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School - 9:30 AM on Zoom. For more information please contact Becky at 412-816-1906.

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Everyone is welcome to join us for our Lenten walks (Sundays through Thursdays at 5:00 PM, from now until Maundy Thursday, April 1) titled, "Puppies, Pounds & Prayer" This is for anyone who wants to walk with their dog, or perhaps wants lose weight, or wants to connect with prayer. If any (or all) of these 3 sound like you – come out to Oak Hollow Park to join us.



There is a lot of flexibility in this group. Suggested walking paths range from ¼ mile (approximately 500 steps on grass not a hard surface like a parking lot) – to 5 miles on pavement with very steep grades. We will meet at Oak Hollow Park near the basketball court/picnic tables at 5PM on Sunday through Thursday. Come 1 day a week or come all 5 days.

For more flexibility, you can come by yourself to walk and meditate alone with just you and Jesus, or bring your parents, children, neighbors, and friends and walk in fellowship with others (following social distancing guidelines). Bring your favorite puppy companion for some tail wagging fun. When we gather we will offer prayers of joys and concerns. After prayer, each participant can choose the walking path that best fits their personal journey for Mind (Puppies), Body (Pounds), and Soul (Prayer), and we will break out to walk.



The final flexibility – you can stay for 15 minutes or 2 hours – whatever fits your schedule and works with your physical needs and abilities. God wants to work with us in caring for our body and soul.

1 Corinthians 6:19 reminds us, *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, who you have received from God?"*



We hope to see you at Oak Hollow for "Puppies, Pounds and Prayer."

Contact Darlene Simpson at 724-309-4277 or [AMsunshine4@hotmail.com](mailto:AMsunshine4@hotmail.com)



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**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!** The Outreach Committee would like to know about this year's college students. Please give us their name, college they attend, address, and an idea of a gift card they would like. If your child has graduated and was on our list from last year please advise us of this, also. Please contact Connie Phillips at [cmptcp@comcast.net](mailto:cmptcp@comcast.net) or call or text 724-493-8387. Thank you!

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**BROWN BAG MEAL:** The meals will be handed out every Friday from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM while supplies last. This will continue until further notice.

Monetary donations to help fund this mission are always accepted. Please make your check payable to "FUMC" and put "Community Dinner" in the memo line. If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Robbyn Slavin.

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**BLESSING BOX:** We stock our Blessing Box almost daily with toiletry items for the needy in our community. If you have donations of new toiletry items please bring them to the church when you come for Saturday or Sunday services. If you have any questions about the Blessing Box, please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor 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.)

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

Call to Worship is taken from "The United Methodist Hymnal"

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**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.")

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**MICROSOFT TEAMS INSTRUCTIONS:** For laptop or desktop computer, Smart Phone & Tablet: Please follow the instructions on the reminder email that you receive from your committee. For landline or cell phone (Audio only):

Dial 724-936-1197. Enter the Conference ID when prompted.

Follow the prompts.

Please contact Eric Platt at [eric.platt@irwinfirstumc.org](mailto:eric.platt@irwinfirstumc.org) or 412-841-7655 if you have questions.

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**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. The office hours for the unit are Wednesday mornings from 9:30 until 11:30.

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**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

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\*\*\*\*\* **IN PERSONAL CARE & REHABILITATION FACILITIES** \*\*\*\*\*

- Dorothy B. ~ Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon
- Marge O. ~ The Grove at Irwin
- Wanda H. ~ Redstone, N. Huntingdon
- James R., Sr. ~ St. Anne's Home, Greensburg
- Doris C. ~ Golden Heights (Harrison City)
- LaVerne F. ~ Walden's View
- 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., Cheryl H., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., Rose N., Sara C., Jeanne and Larry A., Fred & Barb S., Mischa & Suzanne S., Diane B., Les H., 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, Marlin F., Stephanie S., Dave W., Bill & Elaine M., Kim V. Paul & Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Andrea, Lesley K., Debbie N., and Cliff R.

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., George and Kelly, Paul and Michelle, Neil and Alma, Yvonne I. and family, Rolan and Janice, Joe K., COVID 19 Concerns, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Connie B., Our Country and Leaders, Pastor Bruce & Bonnie, Ron, The Jeanne Rodehaver Family, Burnetta G., Royce A., Bob, Cindi P., Bill & Elaine M.

\*\*\*\*\* **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. – Texas	Carl B.	
James G. – Texas	Emery M. – Japan	Mark Russak	Edward J. III





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**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Memory Verse**

**Opening Prayer**

**Worship music:**

*Fill Up the Sky*

*Great Are You Lord*

**Sharing of joys and concerns/prayer**

**Offering**

**Worship music:**

*Is He Worthy*

*How Amazing*

**Scripture & Message**

**Closing song:**

*The Stand*

**Prayer Requests**

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

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