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February 28, 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.”

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 “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 22:23-28**

L: ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

P: **stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

L: ²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;

P: **he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

L: ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

P: **my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.**

L: ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

P: **those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live for ever!**

L: ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; *(over)*

P: **and all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.**

L: ²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord who rules over the nations.

All: Amen

***HYMN No. 3008 “Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

Chorus (2x)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see You, I want to see You.

Verse

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Chorus (2x)

Verse

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Verse Ending

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You. (repeat)

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY – Tim Saporito, Mike Osborn**WORD OF GOD Genesis 17:1-7,15-16**

¹Then the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; ³and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” ⁵And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth. ⁷And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood.

¹⁵Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. ¹⁶The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING**OFFERTORY “Via Dolorosa”*****LENTEN DOXOLOGY (tune: “Old 100th)**

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. 424 “Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone”, v. 1 & 3**

1. Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free?

No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.

3. The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free;

And then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.

CHILDREN’S CHAT**SPECIAL MUSIC “Give Me Jesus” – David Lyons (8:15), Chancel Choir (10:45)****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 8:31-38

Jesus Predicts His Death

³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

The Way of the Cross

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Take Up the Cross”

HYMN No. 2149 “Living for Jesus”, v. 1 & 3

- 1. Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do, yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free his is the pathway of blessing for me.

Chorus

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee;
for Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be Thy throne,
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ for Thee alone.

- 3. Living for Jesus wherever I am, doing each duty in His holy name, willing to suffer affliction or loss, deeming each trial a part of my cross.

Chorus

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Classical Postlude”**

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

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

ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE

Worship Host – Robbyn Slavin

Song Leader – David Lyons

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers today are presented by Lori Swope in memory of her father, William Swope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 2/28/2021

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.

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*

Please note: 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 724-863-8658 or joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org

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 28

- 8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)
- 9:30 Confirmation Class & New Member Class
Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12),
Harvesters Adult Class,
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA
- 9:30 Toddler – 5th 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, March 1

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

Tuesday, March 2

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

Wednesday, March 3

- 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
- 7:00 AA

Thursday, March 4

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

Friday, March 5

- 6:00 Brown Bag Meal



Saturday, March 6 - Communion

- 6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner

Sunday, March 7 - Communion

- 8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)
- 9:30 Confirmation Class & New Member Class
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CONFIRMATION CLASSES have started, but there is still room for any youth, ages 12 years and up, who is not a member of our church, to be a part of the classes. The classes will meet each Sunday through March 28th. Confirmation Sunday will be Easter Sunday, April 4th at the 10:45 AM service. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Ron for more details.

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.

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 or call or text 724-493-8387. Thank you!

EASTER FLOWERS: Orders are now being accepted for the beautiful lilies and mums that will adorn our church on Easter morning. The flowers are \$10.00 each and, if you choose, may be purchased "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. You may take your flowers after the service on Easter morning. Order forms are in the bulletin today. Please place your order and payment (checks made payable to "FUMC") in the offering box or office door slot. Please do not include your flower payment in with your regular giving.



PUPPIES, POUNDS & PRAYER!

Join us for our Lenten walks each Sunday

through Thursday beginning at 5:00 PM near the basketball court/picnic tables at Oak Hollow Park. This is for anyone who wants to walk with their dog, or perhaps wants lose weight, or wants to connect with prayer.

There is a lot of flexibility in this group. Suggested walking paths range from ¼ mile to 5 miles. You can come by yourself to walk and meditate alone with just you and Jesus, or walk in fellowship with others (following social distancing guidelines).



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.



Also, 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?"

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

Contact Darlene Simpson at 724-309-4277 or AMsunshine4@hotmail.com



Camp News ... Can you name something that **ALL** ages can enjoy? Church Camp and Chocolate! Sweet! Two of my favorites! Camp Allegheny, Wesley Woods and Jumonville will be registering campers soon. To help defray the cost of camp for kids and adults, we are selling Easter Candy. There are sweets for everyone to enjoy this Easter! Fill your baskets with novelty items, foiled eggs and jelly beans! They also have 1/2 pound and 1 pound eggs, flat bars, boxed or bagged items. All orders and payments (checks payable to FUMC) must be deposited in the church office door slot by **Sunday, March 21**. No orders will be taken after this date. Candy can be picked up at the church office on Palm Sunday, March 28th.

Thank you for supporting our Camp Funding through this Candy Sale and by continuing to donate clothing to our Blue Bins in our church lot! What a great experience camp provides - enjoying the outdoors, meeting new friends and learning about Jesus! Buy some sweets and help retreats! Any questions on ordering, please contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

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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.")

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 or 412-841-7655 if you have questions.



**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 and enter: IrwinFirstUMC to schedule an appointment.

TODDLER – 5TH 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 or Donna Weber 724 864 4954, donnam_weber@yahoo.com for more information and the Zoom instructions.

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

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.



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.)

Grief Support Group

Restarting March 8, 2021

6:30 pm-8:00 pm

2nd and 4th 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.



*Feed the Body
Feed the Soul*

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

Enjoy a light dinner with music
and devotions!

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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.

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 | 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., Kathy

******* SERVICE PERSONNEL *******

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 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:

God So Loved

You Are My Passion

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Offering

Worship Music:

Returning

One Thing

Scripture & Message

Closing Song:

Rooftops

Prayer Requests

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