



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 7, 2021

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

“Give Me Jesus”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 150**

L: ¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

P: ... **praise God in his mighty firmament!**

L: ²Praise God for his mighty deeds;

P: ... **praise God for his exceeding greatness.**

L: ³Praise God with trumpet sound;

P: ... **praise God with lute and harp!**

L: ⁴Praise God with tambourine and dance;

P: ... **praise God with strings and pipe!**

L: ⁵Praise God with sounding cymbals;

P: ... **praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

L: ⁶Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

ALL: Praise the Lord!

***HYMN No. 139 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” – v. 1& 5**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration!

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen sound from His people again;

Gladly forever adore Him.

WORD OF GOD 1Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

Paul's Use of His Freedom

¹⁹Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Communion Meditation on 'Adore te devote'"

***DOXOLOGY No. 87, v.4**

These gifts we now bring, these presents, these tokens,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 349 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

8:15 - David Lyons 10:45 – 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 1:29-39

Jesus Heals Many

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³²That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

³⁸Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” ³⁹So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Nothing Less”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT *All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.*

HYMN No. 367 “He Touched Me”

1. Shackled by a heavy burden, 'neath a load of guilt and shame,
then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

Chorus

He touched me, O He touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.

2. Since I met this blessed Savior, since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

Chorus

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Spiritual”**

(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 this week are in honor of our faithful church family at FUMC, from John and Darlene Simpson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 2/7/2021



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: We will celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday today. The shopping cart will be available in the narthex for your donations.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin on Sunday, February 21st during the Sunday School hour (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM.) The classes will meet each Sunday through March 28th. Confirmation Sunday will be Easter Sunday, April 4th 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.

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

Sunday, Sunday, February 7

Holy Communion

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 – 5th Grade Sunday School
(see announcement)

10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church

(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and
Zoom

Monday, February 8

6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, February 9

7:00 Trustees

7:30 NA

Wednesday, February 10

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: 826 4011 6693, Passcode 400790)

5:00 Youth Center

7:00 AA

Thursday, February 11

6:00 Girl Scouts

6:15 Cathedral Bells

6:30 NA

7:15 Choir

Friday, February 12

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed

6:00 Brown Bag Meal

Saturday, February 13

8:30 Food Bank – help needed

6:00 PM Contemporary Service

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(see announcement)

10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church

(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom

(Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password 104289)

Please note that, with the rise in COVID 19 cases, our church staff has been advised to work at home whenever they can. The church office is not open every day at this time. Please call before coming in to make sure someone is here to assist you.

THE WEATHER IS TO BE BITTERLY COLD THIS COMING WEEK!

As temperatures drop this winter, the American Red Cross offers ten steps people can take to stay safe during the cold weather.

1. Layer up! Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.

2. Don't forget your furry friends. Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.

3. Remember the three feet rule. If you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away – things such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs.

4. Requires supervision – Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.

5. Don't catch fire! If you are using a fireplace, use a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.

6. Protect your pipes. Run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent your pipes from freezing. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any



harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children. Keep the garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage.

7. Better safe than sorry. Keep the thermostat at the same temperature day and night. Your heating bill may be a little higher, but you could avoid a more costly repair job if your pipes freeze and burst.

8. The kitchen is for cooking. Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.

9. Use generators outside. Never operate a generator inside the home, including in the basement or garage.

10. Knowledge is power. Don't hook a generator up to the home's wiring. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator.

For more information on how to stay safe during the cold weather, visit [winter storm safety](http://www.redcross.org/news/article/Top-Ten-Red-Cross-Cold-Weather-Safety-Tips).

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Also, please check on your elderly neighbors and the shut-ins in your area. Call them to be sure they are OK, make sure their sidewalks are clear of snow and ice, make some soup or a batch of cookies to take to them. Let them know that they have not been forgotten.

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!



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 & tooth brushes, shampoo & 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 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.)

STITCH IN FAITH QUILTING MINISTRY will not be meeting during the month of February. But, ladies keep working on your home projects to keep those fingers in shape as we are hoping to start back quilting in March!

HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD MINISTRY Sunday School Class will not be meeting in February but please keep working on your prayer shawls and blankets!

The many Dedicated Prayer quilts, shawls, blankets, scarves, baby blankets and afghans have all been given to our Angel Tree participants at Christmas. The recipients were not only blest through God's Love but also received a touch of your love and care. On behalf of the recipients.....thank you Irwin First United Methodist Church, you have warmed us inside and out !

TEAM NATIVITY will not be meeting in February. So, Team, let's take the month off!!!

FUMC MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to become a member of our FUMC family, please fill out the Family Information sheet found in the bulletin today 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.



Ash
Wednesday

Drive-Thru
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
6:00 - 7:00pm



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 **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 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.

ANNUAL CHURCH AUDIT: The time is coming once again to be thinking about the annual church audit. All committees and groups who keep their own financial accounts should begin preparing them for the audit. The Audit Committee will need your 2020 deposit/withdrawal check registry, all of the 2020 bills and receipts, and all of the 2020 bank statements.

A date has not been set for the audit, so after you have everything together for 2020, please wait for Joyce (our Finance Secretary) to contact you for your information.

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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.



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Welcome

Announcements

Memory Verse

Opening Prayer

Worship music:

Raise a Hallelujah

Goodness of God

Sharing of joys and concerns/ prayer

Offering

Worship music:

Revelation Song

Way Maker

Scripture & Message

Closing song:

More than Enough



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)

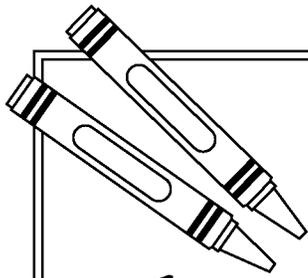
******* THIS MONTHS PRAYERS LIST *******

*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., The World, 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

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

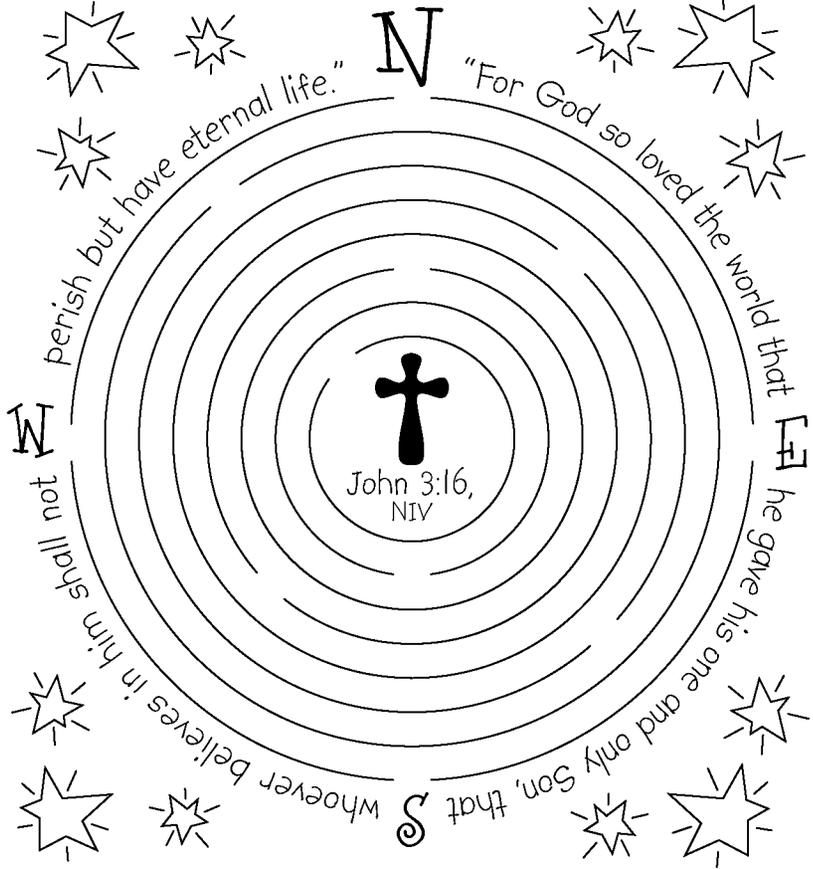
Brandon D. – Korea	Colby S. – Iraq	Sara D.	
Angelo W. – Oklahoma City	Nicholas P. – Schofield Barracks, HI	Jeremy L.	
David J. – Afghanistan	Amanda M. – Texas	Carl B.	
James G. – Texas	Emery M. – Japan	Mark Russak	Edward J. III



Just for KIDS

For everyone

Every day we should be thankful for God's love and for the gift of his Son, Jesus. Complete the maze below to help people from all directions hear about this good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read the words to John 3:16, NIV.



Looking for something to do for Lent? For the 6 weeks from Ash Wednesday, February 17 – Maundy Thursday, April 1, join us for “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

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