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March 14, 2021

March Memory Verse - John 14:6

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

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” - Cathedral Bells

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

L: ¹O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures for ever!

P: ²Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble

³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

L: ¹⁷Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

P: ¹⁸they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

L: ¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

P: ²⁰he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

L: ²¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

P: ²²And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

All: Amen

***HYMN No. 98 “To God Be the Glory”, v. 1 & 2**

1. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

who yielded His life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give Him the glory great things He has done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Chorus

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY – Ron Slavin, Tom Lehner

WORD OF GOD Ephesians 2:1-10

Made Alive in Christ

¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

***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. 2108 "O How He Loves You and Me"**

1. Oh how He loves you and me! Oh how He loves you and me!
He gave His life. What more could He give?
Oh how He loves you; Oh how He loves me;
Oh how He loves you and me!
2. Jesus to Calv'ry did go; His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh how He loves you; Oh how He loves me;
Oh how He loves you and me!

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" – 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 John 3:14-21

¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “E=MC2”

HYMN No. 365 “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”, v. 1 & 4

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive?

Chorus

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Introduction and Fughetta”**
(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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3/14/2021

EASTER FLOWERS: Orders are due today, March 14th. The beautiful lilies and mums 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 due 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.**

EASTER OUTREACH: The Outreach Committee will be helping several families in our community to have a happier Easter by giving them Aldi grocery store gift cards. If you would like to help, please take a slip from the poster board sign in the Narthex, purchase the \$25.00 gift card, and return it to the church by Sunday, March 21st. You can place it in the box on the poster board sign or in the door slot at the office. If you wish to help but can’t purchase a gift card, we will be happy to accept monetary donations in any amount, to purchase additional gift cards. Thank you in advance for helping us help those in need in our community.

The Outreach Committee

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 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, March 14

Daylight Savings Time begins

Easter Flower orders are due

8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)

9:30 Confirmation Class & New Member Class
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 15

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6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 16

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

Wednesday, March 17

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 Depression & Anxiety Support
7:00 AA

Thursday, March 18

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 19

6:00 Brown Bag Meal

Saturday, March 20

First Day of Spring!

11:00 Lunch with the Easter Bunny
6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner

Sunday, March 21

Easter Candy orders are due

Outreach Easter Gift Cards are due

8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)
9:30 Confirmation Class & New Member Class
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

THE STAMP BOX IS BACK! How can a used stamp be used to spread the gospel? What if your stamps could have a second life? Here's living proof..."Living is much when God is in it!" All you need to do is this:



- (1) Cut the cancelled stamp from the envelope leaving the paper on and making sure there is a 1/4" to 1/2" border around the stamp. (Please don't include any metered mail or pre-printed stamps.)
- (2) Deposit your stamps in the box in the Assembly Room labeled:
"SAVE STAMPS FOR MISSIONS"

(3) Pray for this mission work! Monies earned will go towards publishing and printing costs of Sunday School literature for Central and South America. (\$1 per pound is given for plain stamps and \$35 per pound is given for foreign stamps)

Once the box is full, they will be sent to Alliance Stamp Ministry at 15000 Shell Point Blvd., Fort Myers, Florida, 33900. Volunteers at Shellpoint Retirement Community have what they call "the stamp room" where seniors gather and cut and sort stamps of all sizes. This has been a social activity for these folks since 1972 and half a million dollars has been generated through 2016 so far!

Questions...Contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com



**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.)



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.

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. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex. All orders and payments (checks made 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 following both services on Palm Sunday, March 28th. If you prefer, your candy order can be delivered to your front porch for a \$5 donation. Please note: **"I will pick up"** or

"Please deliver" on your order form.

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.



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

Bill Mayes is in the UPMC East Rehab Center. He's working to regain his strength to return home.

Shirley McCune is at Redstone, Greensburg.

******* 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, Eugene W., 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, Burnetta G., Royce A., Bob, Cindi P., Bill & Elaine M., Kathy, Amy Haley, Bob Noll

******* 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:

Infinite

No Longer Slaves

Sharing of joys and concerns/ prayer

Offering

Worship music:

God of Revival

Broken Vessels

Scripture & Message

Closing song:

God So Loved

Prayer Requests

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

EASTER FLOWERS AND MEMORIALS

Deadline to order – March 14, 2020

(no orders taken after this date)

\$10.00 - Lilies: # _____

\$10.00 - Mums: # _____ (No color choice.)

Total number ordered Lilies _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Mums _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Please Print

Flowers in Memory of: _____

Flowers in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Designated Memorial Gifts (any amount)

Kingston VBS \$ _____

Living Memorial Gift \$ _____

Total Memorial Gifts \$ _____



Please Print:

Memorial in Memory of: _____

Memorial in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Please place payment in a separate envelope

from you regular giving.

Mark the envelope “Easter Flowers and Memorials”