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March 21, 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 **“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Psalm 51: 1-12**

L: ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

P: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

L: ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P: ³**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

L: ⁴Against you, you only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

P: ⁵**Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

L: ⁶Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

P: ⁷**Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;**

L: ⁸Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

P: ⁹**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

L: ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

P: ¹¹**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

L: ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

All: Amen

***HYMN No. 553** **“And Are We Yet Alive”, v. 1 & 6**

1. And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?

Glory and thanks to Jesus give for His almighty grace!

6. Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY – Josh Burger, David Lyons

WORD OF GOD Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”

⁶And he says in another place, “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Jesus Paid It All”

***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. 472 “Near to the Heart of God”, v. 1 & 2**

1. There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Chorus

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before Thee near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

Chorus

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Way of the Cross Leads Home” – 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 12:20-33 (NIV)

Jesus Predicts His Death

²⁰Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. ²³Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “”

HYMN No. 415 “Take Up Thy Cross”, v. 1 & 4

- 1. "Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "If thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake, And humbly follow after me."
- 4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down
for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING** “Come Away to the Skies”
(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 morning are in honor of Connie Bickerstaff’s birthday and are presented by her friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3/21/2021



Camp Candy Fundraiser ... All orders and payments (checks made payable to FUMC) must be deposited in the church office door slot by today, **Sunday, March 21**. No orders will be taken after today.

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. 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

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: All articles for the April 2021 newsletter are due by Monday, March 22nd. Articles submitted after that date may not be published until the May newsletter. Please email your articles to fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net

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 Please call before coming in to make sure someone is in the office to assist you.

Sunday, 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

Monday, March 22

Newsletter Deadline

- 5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
- 6:30 Grief Support Group

Tuesday, March 23

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

Wednesday, March 24

- 9:30 Salvation Army
- 10:00 QC Meeting
- 10:00 Prayer Group Meeting
(Zoom Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)
- 12:30 Red Cross Blood Bank
- : 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 25

- 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 26

- 6:00 Brown Bag Meal
- Scrapbooking

Saturday, March 27

- Scrapbooking
- 6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday

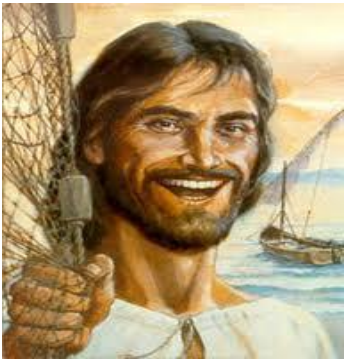
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EASTER OUTREACH: The Aldi gift cards for The Outreach Committee's mission to help several families in our community to have a happier Easter are due today. If you haven't returned your slip, please contact Robbyn Slavin. If you wish to help but can't 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



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY!

We will celebrate Holy Humor Sunday on April 11, 2021, at both Sunday services. Come and celebrate the joyous news of Christ’s resurrection, the spring season, and the hopeful near end of the pandemic. Wear your funniest or brightest mask and/or a Holy Humor “hat”.

Remember that laughter is the best medicine!



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.

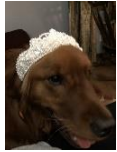
TODDLER – 5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL: this age group has not yet returned to in-church Sunday school. Please use the contact information listed to participate in the Zoom classes:

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.



Join us for our
Lenten walks
each Sunday
through

PUPPIES. POUNDS & PRAYER!

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



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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ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS: Please contact Pastor Bruce or Ron if you have questions.

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., and Sandra W., D. White, Terry H. & Family, Bill B.

******* 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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Memory Verse

Opening Prayer

Worship Music:

The Saving One
Let the Redeemed

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Offering

Worship Music:

You Are My King (Amazing Love)
Defender

Scripture & Message

Closing Song:

How He Loves

Prayer Requests

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