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May 2, 2021

May Memory Verse – 1 John 4:11

“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

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.

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Holy, Holy, Holy”– Cathedral Bells

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 5:7-8**

L: ⁷But, through the abundance of your steadfast love, I will enter your house.

P: **Toward your holy temple I will worship you in awe.**

L: ⁸Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

P: **make your way straight before me.**

HYMN No. 578 “God of Love and God of Power” v. 1 & 4

1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
Grace to ask these gifts of Thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, Thou hast called us for this hour.

4. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
Offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, Thou hast called us for this hour.

WORD OF GOD 1 John 4:7-21

God's Love and Ours

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) "Halle, Halle, Halleluja!"

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 2126 "All Who Hunger", v. 1 & 3**

1 All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wand'ring. here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

SPECIAL MUSIC 10:45 "I Need Thee" - 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 APOSTELS' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

SERMON SCRIPTURE John 15:1-8

The Vine and the Branches

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “A Simple Message”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT *All are welcome.*

***HYMN No. 571 “Go Make Disciples”, v. 1 & 4**

1. “Go, make of all disciples.” We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from Thee, our Father, in Thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer,
And let our daily living reveal Thee everywhere.
4. “Go, make of all disciples.” we welcome Thy command.
“Lo, I am with you always” we take Thy guiding hand.
The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;
In heaven and earth Thy power shall bring God's kingdom here.

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Go Joyfully”**

(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 presented in memory of William David Bryan from Katrina, Kyle, Charles and Michael Bryan.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of LaVerne Frick who passed away on April 24th.

May God comfort all those whose lives she touched.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 5/2/2021

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.

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, May 2

Communion

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

9:30 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)

Monday, May 3

6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, May 4

9:00 Quilting

7:00 Outreach

7:30 NA

Wednesday, May 5

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 Youth Center

7:00 AA

7:00 Bible Study with Jim Remaley

(call Jim at 412-445-6288 for more information)

Thursday, May 6

6:00 Girl Scouts

6:30 NA

7:00 Choir

Friday, May 7

6:00 Brown Bag Meal

Saturday, May 8

6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner

Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day

8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church

(Radio 87.9 FM)

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WENDELL'S VISION: We are hopeful, as are you, that by May/June we may be able to assist any or all of the requests coming into the church office for vetting. **We are looking for the volunteers on our list from the start to confirm their status,** as well as, **those who would want to become a member of this ministry.** We have started filling requests after Easter last month with a few volunteers from our team, but we could use more help.

If you would like to fill out a request form and turn it into the church office you can do so at any time. Once the requests are vetted, we will begin to schedule visitations to evaluate the requests for assignment of volunteers. If your need is a burden financially, please make that known on the request. Support is available for those who may qualify. We are currently concentrating on attendees of Irwin First UMC. Some tasks/projects may not be possible due to time frame needed, volunteer experience, weather conditions for outside work, cost prohibited, scope of the task/project, etc. That shouldn't stop you from making a request. We would continue to ensure that all party's will be as safe as possible during the execution of work at your homes. This means you will be responsible for the safety of the volunteers doing the task/project in a productive climate/setting.

If you are scheduled for a visitation for your request, we will explain the logistics of the ministry and come to an agreement to the time frame and financial responsibility of its completion.

Please keep this in prayer and give God the glory!!!

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

ATTENTION GRADUATES: Any one graduating from High School or College this year please call the office (724-863-6858) or Ethel Rosenburg (724-864-3833.) We would like to know your future plans.

High School Graduates: Where you are graduating from, if you are going to college (what college and your major,) or your employment plans.

College Graduates: Where you are graduating from and your degree, if you are continuing in school, or where you will be employed.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are planning to meet on Monday, May 10 at 10:00 AM. Please call Donna Weber (724-864-4954) or Dot Depp (724-863-0351) and let them know if you will be able to attend.

FARMER'S MARKET VOUCHERS from the Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging were in this month's newsletter and are also available on the table in the Narthex. Instructions for completing the forms are included. Please return it directly to the address listed on the form.

NEW SMALL GROUP – “The Chosen”

When: Wednesday evenings at 7pm starting the first week of June and going for 8 weeks

Where: At the church

What: A Bible study based on “The Chosen”

How: Please sign-up by May 19th if you're interested!

“The Chosen” is a multi-season show based on the life of Jesus. In order to participate in this Bible study, you will need to be able to view the episodes of “The Chosen” in one of the following ways:

- 1) Search for each episode on YouTube (ex: “the chosen season 1 episode 1) (free)
- 2) Download “The Chosen” app to your phone and watch the episodes on the app (free)
- 3) Purchase the season 1 DVD/ Bluray from thechosengifts.com

Additionally, we will be using the study guide “What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?” which costs about \$12.

These books will be ordered ahead of time for you and you will be able to pick them up at the church before our first meeting.

To sign up, please email Laura Willby at laurawillby1@windstream.net or text/call at (724)-454-8422 by May 19th

CHURCH DIRECTORY APP FOR YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER: Everyone in the church is eligible to receive the all-church directory on their digital devices. Go to the Play Store (android) or App Store (Apple) and download the MyUCD app. Once you open it, you will be asked to enter your individual code. If you have not received one, (or cannot find what you did with the one you received), please email Dianne Runser at fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net. She will then send you your family's code.

If you did NOT have your picture taken for the directory, your picture may still be in the directory. Email a digital photo of your family to Dianne (head shots are best) at fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net, and she will upload it to the directory. Also, new members should email family names, address, landline and cell phone numbers (if you want them published), and family photo to Dianne for upload.

If you do not have a photo to upload, see Dianne any time at church to have a quick picture taken (without a mask)

We all are part of one big family, no matter which service you attend, or even if you are unable to attend a service regularly at all (although we hope to see you soon!). Let's get to know one another!

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT: The Sunday School classes will be ending May 23 for the elementary age children and the youth class will be ending their class on May 16. We have had such a crazy year and I want to thank the teachers and parents for bearing with it all year!! At the 10:45 am service on May 23rd

the church will be recognizing the Sunday School teachers and thanking them for all their hard work and flexibility this past year and a half.

OUR GREETERS/CONTACT TRACING TEAM: Since COVID disrupted our lives, we have depended on a team of a few volunteers to take temperatures and names/contact information for everyone who enters our doors on Sunday. Please be assured that NO OUTSIDE AGENCY receives this information. In case we learn of a possible COVID exposure on a Sunday, WE use the list for US to contact anyone who might have been exposed so that they are aware of the situation. Thankfully, we have only had to do this one time.

We need to expand the number of people who are able to help on Sunday mornings. For now, the volunteers need a personal iPad or other digital tablet which can connect to the church WiFi so that Google Sheets may be used. However, we are working to get a digital tablet or two for the church so you do not have to use your own, and no tablet is needed to take the temperatures.

We have two requests: 1) Volunteer to help, and 2) if you have an unused digital tablet which can access the internet, consider donating it to the church. Volunteers can contact Dianne Runser at the organ bench (or func.dianne.mm@comcast.net, 412-372-5290). Anyone with a tablet should contact Dianne or Josh Burger (our computer guru) at the sound desk.

THANK YOU to everyone who has been understanding when we ask for your information as you enter. It has really helped us put names and faces together, even when masked!
Dianne Runser, Music Director

Camp News! I know this has been quite a year...but all the more reason to think about signing up for camp and enjoying the outdoors! Thank you to everyone that supported our Easter Candy Fundraiser. We made \$219 to put towards our camp funding for this year! It is not too soon to go online and check out all the camps at Jumonville, Camp Allegheny and Wesley Woods. There are a few new camps added, so be sure to check them out. Be sure to print out your completed registration and give it to Joyce in our church office so you can get the 30% church funding to help with your costs. Joyce will send a check directly to your camp to defray the cost.



Also, Ladies...the Women's Retreat is coming up! The date is August 27-29 at Camp Allegheny. The cost is \$110 for the week-end or \$50 if you just want to go up on Saturday. The speaker is Mrs. Cookie White with the theme "Becoming a Vessel for God's Use." Registration forms can be picked up on the camp table, and everyone can register individually. The church will give **30%** of your total cost for this retreat, so give a copy of your registration to Joyce. Mail off your own form and check to **Valerie Condron 2105 Guffey Road, North Huntingdon, PA 15642.** Your check should be made payable to: **CA Women's Retreat** (Your check total would be less the 30%)

Questions - 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.

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.



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) 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., 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, Eugene W., Joe K., COVID 19 Concerns, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, The Unrest in Our Country, Our Country and Leaders, Pastor Bruce & Bonnie, Ron, Burnetta G., Royce A., Bill & Elaine M., Mary G., The LaVerne Frick Family, The Shirley McCune Family, The Marlin F. Preus Family,

***** 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:

The Saving One

Here Again

Sharing of joys and concerns/ prayer

Offering

Worship music:

Gold

Restless

Scripture & Message

Communion

Closing Song:

At the Cross

Prayer Requests

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