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May 16, 2021

Ascension Sunday

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 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 47:1-7**

L: ¹ Clap your hands, all peoples!

P: **Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

L: ² For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

P: **... a great Ruler over all the earth,**

L: ³ ... who subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet,

P: ⁴ **... who chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom God loves.**

L: ⁵ God has gone up with a shout,

P: **... the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

L: ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!

P: **Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!**

L: ⁷ For God is the Ruler of all the earth

All: Amen

HYMN No. 312 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”, v. 1 & 3

1. Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia! To His throne beyond the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Re-ascends his native heaven, Alleluia!

3. See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet He loves the earth He leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to His throne, Alleluia! Still He calls mankind His own, Alleluia!

WORD OF GOD Acts 1:1-11

Jesus Taken Up into Heaven

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he

gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY “A Hymn of Glory, Let Us Sing”

DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) “Halle, Halle, Halleluja!”

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 2088** “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord, I lift Your name on high, Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord I lift Your name on high.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Lord, I Look to You”

8:15 Missy Andrisson

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 APOSTLES’ 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 Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Marching Orders Continued”

***HYMN No. 2239 “Go Ye, Go Ye Into the World”**

1. Go ye, go ye into the world, and make disciples of all the nations.
Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!
2. Go ye, go ye into the world, and take the Gospel to all the people.
Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!
3. Go ye, go ye into the world, and tell the story to all the believers
Go ye, go ye into the world, And I will be with you there!

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”**

(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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this week are presented in memory of Rick Simms from Mom Hubert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 5/16/2021

PENTECOST: Pentecost Sunday is May 23rd. We encourage everyone to wear red as a visual reminder of the “tongues of fire” that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3)

May 23rd, at the 10:45 am service, 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.

Also on May 23rd from 9:30-10:30 in the gym, we will have a “Pentecost Birthday Party Breakfast.” Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fellowship and a delicious breakfast.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: All articles for the June Newsletter are due by Saturday, May 22nd. Please email your articles to fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or drop a hard copy off at the church. Articles not received by the due date may not be published until the July/August Newsletter.

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

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 724-863-6858 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 16

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

Last Day of Youth Sunday School for this season

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 17

6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, May 18

9:00 Quilting
7:30 NA

Wednesday, May 19

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
6:00 Depression & Anxiety Support
7:00 AA
7:00 Bible Study with Jim Remaley
(call Jim at 412-445-6288 for more information)

PART-TIME CUSUTODIAN NEEDED: We are currently taking applications for a part-time custodian. Details can be found at www.indeed.com (Part Time Custodian, Irwin, PA) or by contacting Eric Platt at eric.platt@irwinfirstumc.org

UPDATE 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!!

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.

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



BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, May 26, 2021
12:30 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.

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. Volunteers can contact Dianne Runser at the organ bench (or fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net, 412-372-5290).

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.

Camp News!

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

WE ONLY HAVE INFORMATION ON 3 GRADUATES! Sunday, June 6th we will honor all of our 2021 graduates. Please call or email the office (724-863-6858) fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or Ethel Rosenberg (724-864-3833.) Information is due by Sunday, May 23rd.

High School Graduates: Where you are graduating from, if you are going to college (what college and your major,) or any plans you have for the future.

College Graduates: Where you are graduating from and your degree, if you are continuing in school, or the plans you have for the future.

Not sure of your future plans? That's OK. Please let us know where you are graduating from so we can honor the accomplishments you have made.



WENDELL'S VISION: **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 with a few volunteers from our team, but we could use more help. Volunteer packets are available in the church office.

We are currently concentrating on attendees of Irwin First UMC for projects. 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. Additional information on projects and time lines, safety, and financial items are attached to the request form.

Please keep this in prayer and give God the glory!!!
Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman



DID YOU KNOW you can make contributions to our church by using the on-line banking service **Tithe.ly** With Tithe.ly you can track your giving, be assured that your giving is secured using SSL with 256-bit encryption, and give using all major credit cards. Tithe.ly can be accessed just by going to irwinfirstumc.org/give You can follow the instructions to set up one time giving or, you can set it up for automatic giving on a certain day/days each month. It is easy and safe.

You can also use the online banking service provided by your bank. Just designate First United Methodist Church as a bill payee. The address is 310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA. 15642. You can elect the amount you would like the church to

receive and the number of times to “pay” the church. Use your envelope number as the requested account number. The bank will then send a check to the church.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

SHOP USING:

smile.amazon.com (follow the instructions and designate “First United Methodist Church Irwin, PA” as the recipient)

umcmarket.org (follow the instructions and designate “Irwin First United Methodist Church” as the recipient)

UNITED WAY: You can also contribute to *United Way* from your paycheck and designating the funds to “First United Methodist Church Irwin, PA.” (If you work in Westmoreland County the church code is: 416719. If you work in Allegheny County the church code is: 11850302.)



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, Jerry L., Molly A.

******* 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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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.

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Welcome

Announcements

Memory Verse

Opening Prayer

Worship Music:

Great Things

One Name

