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November 15, 2020

Consecration Sunday

November Memory Verse: 1 John 4:19

“We love because He first loved us.”

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 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:1-7**

L: ¹O give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name, make known God’s deeds among the peoples!

P: ²Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all God’s wonderful works!

L: ³Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

P: ⁴Seek the Lord and his strength; seek the Lord’s presence continually!

L: ⁵Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

P: ⁶O offspring of Abraham, God’s servant, children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones.

L: ⁷The Lord is our God, whose judgments are in all the earth.

All: Amen.

***HYMN No. 2032 “My Life Is In You Lord”**

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,

I will praise You with all of my strength;

with all of my life, with all of my strength.

All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You. in You

WORD OF GOD 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8

The Day of the Lord

¹Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ²for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

***DOXOLOGY No. 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below:
praise Him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 2065 "More Precious than Silver"**

Lord, You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds;
and nothing I desire compares with You.

HYMN No. 2233 "Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC "My Sacrifice" – 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 Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

¹⁴"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' ²¹"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²²“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ ²³“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²⁴“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ ²⁶“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Our Talents”

CONSECRATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS

PRAYER FOR COMMITMENT CARDS

With money, time, and talents, we say: thank you, thank you, thank you, God; with heart and voice we sing, thank you, thank you, thank you, God. Shape us by the power of your Spirit, that we may give thanks to you in every part of our life, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN No. 102 “Now Thank We All Our God”

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Light’s Abode, Celestial Salem”**

(Please allow the ushers to direct you as you leave the sanctuary.)

***Please stand if you are able.**

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Stewardship Campaign 2020
“Invest in Hope”

Today at our church we will celebrate Consecration the day we return our pledge/commitment cards for the is a good time to remember the vows all members take the United Methodist Church to “...faithfully participate ministries of our local congregation through our presence, gifts, service, and witness.” While Sunday signifies the end of our stewardship program, it beginning of our commitment to support our church in



Sunday. This is coming year. It when we join in the life and prayers, Consecration is just the 2021.

Pictured are some of the ways that we have received offerings here at FUMC. In the center of the picture is a double-sided collection box. One side says “Sunday School Class” and the other side was for “Missionary Class.” Each side is hinged so that it can be emptied individually. It is currently displayed on the shelf in the church office. If anyone has information on when it was used and by what class please let the office know.

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, November 15

Stewardship Campaign Commitment Sunday

- 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 (Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password
104289)

Monday, November 16

- 6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, November 17

- 9:00 Quilting Group
- 7:30 NA

Wednesday, November 18

- 10:00 Prayer Group Meeting
(Zoom Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)
- 10:00 QC Meeting
- 1:00 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom
(Meeting ID: 894 9312 8220, Password: 104289)
- 5:00 Youth Group
- 6:15 Cathedral Bells
- 7:15 Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 19

Irwin Light-up Night

- 6:20 Community Tree Lighting
- 6:30 Parade
- 6:30 NA

Friday, November 20

- 6:00 Brown Bag Meal

Saturday, November 21

- 6:00 PM Contemporary Service

Sunday, November 22

Baptism Sunday

- 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
(Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password 104289)

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Diane Borza. Diane passed away on November 8th. May God’s comfort be with them.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers this week are presented in memory of Sandy Kucherer and Tim Valeri by Neil Kucherer and Rebecca Valeri.

Last week's altar flowers were presented in memory of Clarence Bickerstaff by Connie Bickerstaff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 11/15/2020

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: All articles for the **December 2020/January 2021 Newsletter** are due in the office by **Thursday, November 19th**. You can email articles (preferred) to fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or drop off a copy of your article in the office. Articles not received by the deadline may not be printed until the February 2021 Newsletter.

SAFETY GUIDELINES: We are still practicing the COVID 19 safety guidelines set by the CDC for social distancing and wearing face masks. Thank you everyone for being so good about this and doing your part to protect yourself and others.

We encourage you to bring your own face mask when you come to the church. The disposable face masks that we have at the church should be used as a last resort as they are getting hard to come by and costly to purchase. And ... it's fun to see all the different mask designs!

Thank you for your cooperation.

RESERVATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Due to pandemic, we are forced to take reservations for our Christmas Eve services. We must limit our attendance to 200 at each service. In the bulletin today is a RSVP slip. You may also go to the church website at www.irwinfirst.org or Facebook page at [Irwin First UMC](#) to RSVP. Please have your reservations in by December 15th so that we can make preparation to accommodate everyone who wants to participate.

THANKSGIVING: Thank you to everyone who took a slip for the Thanksgiving Gift Cards. Praise God, they have all been taken! Please remember that gift cards for Thanksgiving are due back to church by next Sunday, November 15th. You can give your cards to Robbyn Slavin, Anne Osborn, or drop them in the slot in the office door.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Order forms are in the bulletin today for the Christmas poinsettias that will adorn our church Christmas week. The poinsettia choices this year are red and white and are \$10.00 each. Orders are due by Sunday, November 22nd. The poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.

IRWIN LIGHT-UP NIGHT: Our church will be participating in the festivities of the Irwin Light-up Night which will be held Thursday, November 19th. The community tree lighting (in the parking lot of S & T Bank) will be at 6:20 PM and the parade will begin at 6:30 PM. Please see Pastor Bruce, Ron, or Robbyn if you would like to help.

ANGEL TREE:

The Outreach Committee will be helping families again by providing gifts for children and gift cards for groceries. The Angel tree will be in the Narthex by Saturday, November 21st. This year we will be keeping track of who takes the angels – Robbyn will be near the angel tree to get your name and the angel number you take. If you do not attend church in person but would still like to provide a gift, please contact Anne and she can email or mail you an angel. We will also be trying something new. You (or a group of you) can sponsor a family for

Christmas and provide the Christmas gifts for all the children in one family. Please contact Anne and let her know what size family (2, 3, 4 or more kids) you want to sponsor and she will match a family to you as best as possible. Anne can be reached at home (724-744-7278), by email (annegiannetti@gmail.com), or by text (412-582-8397). Please make requests this week before the angel tree is up and decorated. **All gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 13th.**

CALLING ALL CLARK GRISWOLDS! This year the Crazy Christmas Club Committee (CCCC) is inviting everyone to decorate the outside of your house for Christmas for a friendly competition. (You can decorate the inside as well, we just won't be able to see it.) 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded to the house that shows the meaning of Christmas the best. If you are interested please provide your Name, Address and Contact Number by December 16th. The CCCC will go around on December 18th starting at 6:30pm and take pictures/video of your house and determine our winners. In this year where everything seems so unexpected, why not share some love, happiness, and the meaning of Christmas for the world (or neighborhood) to see?



THANK YOU: My sincere thank you to all of my church family for the prayers, support and cards received during my mom's passing. It is such a comfort to have such a caring church family - especially at times like this. Thank you again. Darlene and John Simpson.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY: The prayer chain ministry will be another way for people to gain assistance in prayer. Thank you to all of you that have responded to be a part of this important prayer ministry. If you would have any prayer requests for any serious or pressing problem please contact Jean Barrett at (724-515-5524) or Bernie Johnston at (724-863-6967). This would be for immediate prayer concerns and should not be confused with the prayer list found in the bulletin. If you would like to be included as a prayer warrior, to pray for immediate concerns via text or email, please let us know. Thank you
Philippians 4:6 *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*



Camp News - Orders for our camp fundraiser with **RADA Cutlery** will be going on until Sunday, November 29th. The catalogs and order forms are on the camp table beside Pastor Bruce's office. Checks (payable to FUMC) and order forms are to be deposited in the church office door slot. If you are attending our church services from our parking lot tuning in to 87.9, or if you are worshipping on Facebook, ZOOM or YouTube, you can view the products online and call Laurie Saporito to place your order over the phone. All orders have a \$1.00 processing fee. Go to RadaCutlery.com to see everything that is in the catalog along with a description of each product. Questions, contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

MEDIA TEAM: Volunteers are needed to join our media team. Our worship services, and many of our meetings on Zoom, would not be possible without them. You will be trained to use the equipment and assist with the services and meetings. If you would like to become part of the team please call Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or Pastor Ron (724-691-7113).



... will be immediately after the 10:45 AM service on Sunday, November 22. Many hands make the job easier. Due to Covid restrictions, we will not be serving pizza and drinks this year, but we will have a lot of fun preparing our church and our lives for the season of Advent!

“Families” of all kinds are invited to participate in our Advent services by serving as **ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS AND READERS**. “Families” may be parents and children, grandparents and children, couples with no children, groups of friends, or any other combination of people. The reading will be short and simple. Please consider this a chance to prepare your heart for Christmas. This is what is still needed: Dec 6 (8:15), Dec. 13 (10:45), Christmas Eve (11 PM). To sign up for one of these services, please call, or text Dianne at 412-310-6121, or email her at fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net) or go to the organ bench on Sunday.

**RING THE BELL FOR SALVATION ARMY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020 AT GIANT EAGLE**

The Salvation Army has suggested a two hour time for each volunteer, but we are asking for only an hour at a time. If you can serve longer, please write your name multiple times. To sign up, you may click the link our church Facebook page or web site. You may also directly contact Becky Platt at 724-331-7832, or email Becky.Platt@irwinfirstumc.org to schedule your time.

CHRISTMAS GIVE-AWAY CANCELLED

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Christmas give-away has been cancelled. We thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and effort in this mission of our church, but we are no longer accepting donations at this time. Please do not bring give-away items to the church. We hope that you will take your donations to one of the many organizations in our area who help those in need.

ADVENT GIFT GIVE-AWAY: Pastor Bruce would once again like to do the Advent Gift Give-away. For those who don't remember what this is, here's how it goes. Several people go outside the church building between the two Sunday morning services and hand out gifts to the cars that pass by the church. They are just small gifts, but are meant to lift the spirits of those passing by and to let them know that FUMC cares about the people outside our church. If you can help with this mission by donating new, small gifts (around \$1.00 – Dollar Store finds are great!) it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the church and Pastor Bruce and his elves will do the rest! If you would like to help pass the gifts out, please let Pastor Bruce know.

WHEN VISITING OR HOLDING A MEETING AT FUMC:

1. Everyone must bring and wear a face mask at all times while inside the building. Gloves are optional.
2. Temperatures will be taken upon entering the building.
3. Hand sanitizer stations will be available.
4. Please do not congregate in groups. “Social Distancing” of 6 feet must be adhered to.
5. Anyone not feeling well is asked to please not enter the building.
6. Any gatherings inside the church will be limited to 25 people. The chairperson/host/hostess of the meeting or event will be required to take everyone's temperature upon entering the building, to make sure that face masks are worn at all times by their participants, and to practice social-distancing guidelines.

7. We are trying to keep our staff safe. At this time we ask that meetings not be held in the office. The parlor is available as well as the youth room and both are air conditioned.

The above procedures will be in effect until further notice. By following the CDC guidelines we can, not only do our part in stopping the spread of the COVID 19 coronavirus, but we can also stop the spread of other infectious diseases.

ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS: As you can see in “THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH” many of our services, Bible Study, and Prayer Group are all being broadcast using Zoom. If you would like to participate in these activities using Zoom, please follow the instructions below. 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.”)



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

******* CONTINUOUS PRAYERS *******

Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Cheryl 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., Jeanne R., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., Marion H., 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. 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, Samantha, Lilliana P., Tiffany M., Joe K., Our Country & World, COVID 19 Concerns, Our Country and Leaders, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Helena & Marilyn, George and Lisa S., Joseph D., Sara T., Marilyn F., Ray S., The Lois Frye Family, Jerry L., Janice E., Judy L., Jim L., The Bill G. Family., The Jeff V. Family, The Diane Borza Family, Rolan & Janice W., Ethan D, Randy D, and Cindi D

***** 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



November 14, 2020
Contemporary Worship Service
Veteran's Recognition Consecration Saturday
November Memory Verse: 1 John 4:19
"We love because He first loved us."

Welcome

Announcements

Memory Verse

Opening Prayer

Recognition of Veterans

Worship Music:

Let Our Faith Become A Mountain
Evidence

Sharing of joys and concerns/prayer

Offering

Worship Music:

King of Kings
God Of All My Days

Scripture & Message

Closing Song:

Until The Whole World Hears

Prayer Requests

I cried unto the Lord with my voice and he heard me out of his holy hill.

~ Psalm 3:4