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**November 27, 2016**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 - Sandy Lehner     10:45 - Tracy Hawley**

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**Memory Verse for November**

**James 4:7 “Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”**

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**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.

**MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY**

**THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION     “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 845     Psalm 122**

**L:** I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**P: Our feet were standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

**L:** Jerusalem is built as a city and is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks to the name of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel.

**P: thrones for judgment were set there, the thrones of the house of David.**

**L:** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

**P: “May they prosper who love you! Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!”**

**L:** for the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you!”

**P: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen**

**\*HYMN No. 211     “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

**WORD OF GOD     Romans 13:11-14**

**ADVENT READING**

**WREATH LIGHTERS:**

**8:15 – The Osborn Family**

**10:45 – connie Bickerstaff & Nellie Wiancko**

**ADVENT SONG**

**Until Jesus comes, until Jesus comes,**

**I'll be watching and waiting until Jesus comes.**

(repeat)

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

**No. 2233 "This Is Where Children Belong"**

*(Our Children's Collection this morning will be given to Baby Allison Frick. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM**

**8:15 "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?" – Missy Andrison**

**10:45 "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?" – Chancel Choir**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY "Nativity Scene"**

**\*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY**

(tune: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,**

**Glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One.**

**Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,**

**As we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**\*HYMN No. 249 "There's a Song in the Air"**

**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 24:36-44**

**SERMON "1,2,3,4,5..."**

**\*HYMN No. 245 "The First Noel"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING "Prepare the Way, O Zion"**

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.  
The altar rail is always open.*

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

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## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 20      Sunday 8:15 – 64      10:45 – 95

SERVING YOU SUNDAY, November 27<sup>th</sup>

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Mike, Anne, Philip & Charlie Osborn  
10:45 – Ethel Rosenburg & Brunetta Green

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Virginia Ives      10:45 – Lou Berta

**SOUND TEAM:** 8:15 – Fritz Runser  
10:45 - Josh Burger & Penny Brant

**NURSERY:** Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the 10:45 service. Our attendants today will be Laurie Saporito & Lisa O'Reilly.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Presented this morning by:

Ruth Ann, Mark, Malarie, & Steven Munden in memory of Ruth Parnham  
LaVerne Frick with praise & glory to God in memory of David H. Frick

**ADVENT REFRESHMENTS AFTER SERVICES BY:**

8:15 - Nellie Wiancko, Cheryl Kirsch  
10:45 - Lois Kuhn, Bernie Fishel

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Office - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday thru Thursday

8:00 AM – Noon on Friday

Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

*Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.*

**Today, Sunday, November 27**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

**Thursday, December 1**

6:15 C Bells

7:15 Choir

**Friday, December 2**

Gym in use

5:30 Irwin Cookie Tour

& Candle Walk

**Monday, November 28**

**Office Closed**

6:30 Grief Support

7:00 Dartball - Away

**Saturday, December 3**

Gym in use

6:00 Alternative Worship

**Tuesday, November 29**

**Office Closed**

6:15 TOPS

7:00 Finance

7:30 NA

**Next Sunday, December 4**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**Communion**

**Consecration Sunday**

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

**Wednesday, November 30**

7:00 Women's Book Study

*The office will be closed*

*Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.*

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**CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND OUR CHURCH IS RINGING IN THE SEASON!!!** Mark your calendars to participate in ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 8 PM in front of the Giant Eagle store in North Huntingdon. Our kettle will be on the Kohl's side of the GE entrance. Sign the paper in the narthex, or the on the clip board as it is passed around, as to what hour of the day you'd like to participate! It's a great way to give of your time so others may receive!

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**Thank you from the Finance Committee!** Our RADA Cutlery Sale was a great success! Thank you to everyone that supported this fundraiser. Our profit this year was \$417.00! Our Spaghetti Dinner went well too...and no one reported losing their meatball! *The Rockin' Revs* provided great entertainment and loved our church! What's not to love! Thank you to everyone that helped serve, cleaned up and provided desserts and to everyone that attended!

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**IRWIN MALE CHORUS:** The Irwin Male Chorus, under the direction of Forrest Moore, will present a concert of sacred and seasonal music in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 PM. The public is invited. Cookies are needed for the reception in our gym following the concert. Cookies may be brought to the kitchen on Sunday morning.

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**"THE HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD MINISTRY"**

We are looking for those who are able to quilt, knit and/or crochet. We meet every Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Items made will be dedicated and given to those who may need a prayer shawl, quilt, scarf, afghan, slippers, baby hat & blanket and/or pocket prayer shawl.

Those who are completing their projects, please obtain a prayer card in the "Comfort/Ministry Room" next to Pastor Bruce's office and attach to your item. You may also notify Burnetta Green or Cindi Painter for more information. These items have been made with prayers and peaceful thoughts.... May you find God's warmth as you wear, wrap or hold it in your hand.

If you know of someone who is in need of God's Loving Comfort, please take an item to them.

We will soon have a dedication of these items and they will be found on the quilt rack and in the pocket prayer shawl basket in front of the Pulpit in the Sanctuary.

Many thanks to those who have prayed for this ministry, made items, donated fabric/yarn, created and especially to those who will be delivering them.

Wishing you a Merry Blessed Christmas &  
a Happy and Healthy New Year!  
Hands to Work, Hearts to God Ministry

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**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** Our Grief Support group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 PM. There is no fee and the support group is open to anyone in our church or community who has experienced the pain of death and needs help working through their loss and managing their grief. Please contact Becky Rudy for more information.

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**IRWIN CANDLE WALK:** Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM beginning at the Presbyterian Church, then traveling up Main Street to the Lutheran Church, the Arch, and the Christmas tree in the parking lot by S&T Bank . The walk will combine caroling and short presentations at each stopping point which tell the Christmas story. The walk should take about an hour.



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**CAMP NEWS...** Looking for the perfect gift to give your child or grandchild this Christmas? Camp Gift Certificates make a great gift and can be purchased through any of the three camps in any amount! With the cost of summer camp increasing, this gift card can be applied to their registration or used at the camp store while they are there. Many new friends and memories are made at camp every year! It's a gift that keeps on giving! Contact Wesley Woods, Camp Allegheny or Jumonville by phone or visit their website for information. Questions, contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or [cts72@hotmail.com](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com)

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** Our Children's Collection this week will be given to Jason & Nicole Frick for the care of their infant daughter, Allison. Allison Grace Frick was born 11 weeks premature at West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh on August 25, 2016. She spent 79 long days in the hospital including 9 weeks in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Allison is the granddaughter of Diane Novak and great-granddaughter of LaVerne Frick. Thankfully Allison was discharged to go home from the hospital on November 11. She is at home on oxygen and monitors and still has a lot of growing and developing to do. She will also need a special vaccination to help prevent illness with a

virus called RSV that can cause serious illness in preemies with lung disease. Allison was born weighing only 2 pounds and at her follow up pediatrician appointment she now weighs 6 pounds! The money donated will help Allison and her family with continued medical expenses.

*Baby Allison Frick* 11/20 - \$258.25

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**HAPPY METHODIST GROUP:** Our Happy Methodist Group will meet at Lakeview Lounge in Greensburg for lunch on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Anyone who is interested in going is asked to call Shirley McCune at 724-527-2497 or Dot Depp at 724-863-0351.

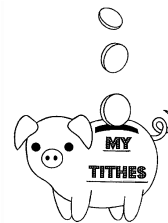
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**OUR DAILY BREAD:** The new *Our Daily Bread* for December/January/February is available on the Narthex table. This daily devotional is free. Donations are accepted and can be placed in a pew envelope marked "Our Daily Bread." These make great stocking stuffers!

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#### **WEEK#4 - STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM - "GIVING FIRST TO GOD"**

Are you giving the first part of your income to God? What percentage of your income do you feel God is calling you to give? The Bible tells us that one tenth of what we acquire *belongs* to God! By not giving first to God, have you ever thought that you were robbing Him? "Will a man rob God? Surely not! And yet you have robbed me." "What do you mean? When did we ever rob you?" "You have robbed me of the tithes and offerings due to me." (Malachi 3:8)



In the book of Genesis, when Jacob was journeying toward Haran, he stopped at sundown to rest. He found a rock for a headrest and had a dream that a staircase reached from heaven to earth, and he saw the angels of God going up and down this ladder. From the top of the stairs God spoke to him saying that he would give him the ground he is lying on for him and all his descendants. He told him He would protect him wherever he went and He would be with him constantly. When Jacob woke up, he set his stone headrest as a memorial pillar. This pillar would become a place of worship; and Jacob vowed to give back a tenth of everything God gave to him. (Genesis 28: 10-22)

Next week is Consecration Sunday! Remember to bring the pledge card that was mailed to you. You can place it on the chancel rail when you partake of communion. If you are not able to attend church, you can drop it in the office door slot or mail it to the church. Please take the time to respond to this card. Our 2017 budget is figured based on the commitment of pledges by our members. It needs to be signed by you to fulfill your covenant. Even a blank, signed card needs returned regardless if you are increasing, decreasing or keeping your pledge the same. Please know that pledges can be changed throughout the year by calling Debbie, our Financial Secretary.

This week pray about what you can give back to God. You can't out-give God! He will bless you in many ways if you vow to give Him the first part of your income!

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#### **CHURCH CLEANING DAY-SAVE THE DATE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Each volunteer will be assigned a project area to work on your own or in small groups.

Please bring your bucket and rags!

All help will be used and appreciated!

We have a large old church and all areas need cleaned out and scrubbed down.

If you have questions, please contact Becky Rudy 724-493-3734

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**ANGEL TREE** The Outreach Committee has put up the Angel Tree for Christmas 2016. Please consider being a Christmas angel for a local family by providing a child with a Christmas present. Just take an angel from the tree and shop! You are asked not to spend more than \$25.00 on the gift.

This year you will also notice hearts hanging on the tree. Instead of Christmas food baskets, we will be giving families gift cards to do their own grocery shopping and pick their family favorites.

All donations are due back to church on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Angel tree gifts should be wrapped with the angel tag attached. Thank you for helping. Any questions, please contact Missy Davis (724-863-9758).

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**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PLAY:** Please see Lisa O'Reilly outside of the Sunday School rooms if you are interested in signing your child up for the 5:30 Christmas Eve Service. She will be on the mezzanine level before and after Sunday School for the next few weeks. There will be one rehearsal on December 18th after the second service. The costumes will be available on December 11th and 18th outside of the Sunday School classes for pick-up. Costumes do not need to be worn for the rehearsal. Thank you so much to everyone for your continued support year after year! Lisa O'Reilly

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## ONGOING PROGRAMS

**STYLUS PENS:** The stylus pens are still available for purchase (\$2). Please see Dianne Runser or the salesperson in the narthex.

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**TAKE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY -** Discover what your gifts are in order to best serve God. Please answer the questions, sign the book, and return it to Pastor Bruce or the church office. The booklets are on the table in the Narthex.

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**"RIGHT NOW MEDIA" BIBLE STUDIES:** Free Bible studies to further your knowledge of God's word. To participate in any of these studies, you need to email the church office at [func.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:func.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) with your request. The office will place your email address on the list of participants and give you instructions on how to log onto the account.

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**EMAIL REMINDERS:** If you would like to receive email reminders of church events, please email the church office ([irwinfirstumc@comcast.net](mailto:irwinfirstumc@comcast.net)) to get your email on the list. Please DO NOT hand write or call the office with the email address, as errors may occur. We want to make sure that we have the correct email.

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### STARTING IN JANUARY

For more information on the following programs, contact Pastor Bruce at 724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

**HEALING SERVICE** – the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM. This is a simple service that has prayer, sharing, devotions, anointing with oil, laying on of hands, and communion. Just drop what you are doing and come as you are.

**DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP:** Meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Pastor Bruce has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and real life experience with these diseases. He will facilitate. All meetings are confidential.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BRUCE:** A Bible study will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 PM.



We Andrisons ~ Mike, Deb, Missy and Michael invite you to a concert of praise and worship. We are a part of the Living Christmas Tree which will be held at Pricedale Union Church on December 9, 10 & 11 at 7PM. We will be standing in a r-e-a-l-l-y large tree as we present "What a Glorious Night" by Bradley Knight.

Pricedale Union Church is located at 203 Johnson Avenue, Belle Vernon off of Route 70 exit 42A.

This free event will tune your heart to the Babe's voice. We'd love to share the experience with you.

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