

CHURCH FINANCES as of October 2022

July Income \$29,930.59
July Expenses \$18,023.85
Month Ending 11,906.74

August Income \$27,131.62
August Expenses \$24,792.13
Month Ending 2,339.49

September Income \$22,156.17
September Expenses \$31,725.17
Month Ending -9,569.00

October Income \$28,243.65
October Expense \$17,878.15
Month Ending \$10,365.50

At the End of October, we are at a

Positive \$10,365.50 (BUDGET VS ACTUAL)

Year to Date we are at a Positive \$12,905.40 (INCOME VS EXPENSE)

THE CHURCH AND ITS OFFICE RUNS TRANSPARENT, IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT FINANCES REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE MANAGER. YOU CAN REACH HER BY - STOPPING IN THE OFFICE DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WHICH ARE MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 10-2, BY CALLING HER AT 724-863-4977 OR BY EMAIL AT joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org.

“Raise the Roof” Campaign
balance as of November 15, 2022, is
\$14,318

Anybody Welcome

The Sanctuary is open and available for prayer and meditation.

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Please sign in and out on the volunteer sheet found on the office half door.



First United Methodist Church

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Rev. Bruce R. Judy, Pastor - 724-747-6098 (call or text)

Dianne Runser - Music Ministries

Ronald Slavin - Youth Ministries

Laura Willby - Contemporary Music Coordinator

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Memory Verse - *Matthew 5:44*

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

GATHERING & WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Emmanuel and O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 845**

Psalm 122:1-9

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,

P: **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.**

L: Thrones for judgement were set there, the thrones of the house of David.

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

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

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

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

ALL: Amen

*HYMN No. 196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

8:15 a.m. - McDonald family
10:45 a.m. - Weber Family

*HYMN No. 211 (vs. 1)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CHILDREN’S CHAT

CHILDREN’S OFFERING

The Children’s Offering for the month of November will be going to a local mission. October’s monies went to Irwin Fire Department.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come Again, Emmanuel”- Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD

Romans 13:11-14

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Song of the Watchman”

*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

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. 3050

“Until Jesus Comes”

Until Jesus comes, until Jesus comes,
I’ll be watching and waiting
Until Jesus comes,
(Repeat)

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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

*GOSPEL READING

Mathew 24:36-44

SERMON

“The Carrot or the Stick”

*HYMN No. 706

“Soon and Very Soon”

*BENEDICTION

*MUSIC OF PARTING

“Lifting Up Your Heads”



Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are in memory of Bruce Wianko’s birthday, from Nellie Wianko.

ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE

Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin

Music Leader - David Lyons

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC

Saturday Evening - 11

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 66 10:45 a.m. - 70

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 17

* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.



HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED

CPR, NARCAN and AED training will be provided to all staff and volunteers on **Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.** here at the church. Cost for certification is \$40 per person and non-certification is \$20 per person. Volunteers can pay the day of the training and the payments will be collected by the trainer.

**Please call the church office to be added to the sign-up sheet.
724-863-6858**

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING REV. BRUCE JUDY

If there is anyone who is not a member here at FUMC, and you would like to become a member, please reach out to the church office at 724-863-6858 or Pastor Bruce directly. We will be accepting members on paper as a profession of faith this coming week. This must be done before Thursday, December 1, 2022 in order to be able to vote at the disaffiliation meeting that evening. Anyone that becomes a member will be formally recognized on December 4, 2022 during service.

THE Wonder OF
CHRISTMAS



SALVATION ARMY DIRECT NUMBER - 724-331-7832. If you know of anyone in need of our services please do not hesitate to call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Appreciation Love Offering: As a result of all their hard work and dedication, Irwin First Church continues to provide 43 ministries to Irwin and the surrounding communities. Every single day, they inspire us in their support with the mission of this Church. You can join us by showing your support with a staff appreciation "love offering" by using the enclosed envelope. The staff consists of (in no particular order): Dianne Runser, Robbyn Slavin, Laura Willby, Josh Burger, Joyce Shaffer, Alyssa Bazala, Jj Weber, Ed Bogle, David Lyons, and Rue Redman.

LUNCH WITH SANTA
When: Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Where: In the gym, right here at the church
Food, games, fun, pictures with Santa thanks to the Weber family!
Come join the fun!



Disaffiliation meeting with the District Superintendent
When: Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Where: FUMC sanctuary
Only members in good standing can participate in the vote.
Disaffiliation information Anybody that is interested in the process of disaffiliation, there is information available in the church office. Further details will be provided when they become available.



It's Angel Tree Time!

This year we have 22 families with a total of 65 children seeking help for Christmas.

Please help the children in our community by taking an angel from the tree in the Narthex. Be sure that we record the number on the angel, your name and phone number, if no one is at the tree, feel free to record your information on the sheets next to the tree. Please return wrapped gifts no later than Dec 11th. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Robbyn at 724-600-5940.

The Crazy Christmas Club Committee will be sponsoring a Reverse Advent again this year to bless our Angel Tree Families with extra food at Christmas.

Reverse Advent is a fun way to collect food. Just pick up a list from the table near the tree in the Narthex, purchase the item or food for each day and by day 24 you will have a basket full of food to give! These will also be due back by Dec 11th, depending on the day you get your list, you might have to double up a couple days to complete the basket on time! If you have any questions reach out to Robbyn or Missy Andrierson. Thank you all for your continued support of our committee and the families in our community.



Christmas giveaway being held Saturday, December 17, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Donations will be accepted one week prior to the giveaway.

Call the church office for donation drop offs. 724 863 6858.

All items welcome: clothing, toys, household items, Christmas decorations, .



2022 CHRISTMAS COOKIE TRAYS

As a fundraiser for the church, the NOW Committee would like to have a cookie sale during the Christmas season. We are currently looking for people who enjoy baking. We will take orders for cookie trays until December 4, 2022. Trays will be assembled on Saturday, December 17, so have your cookies at the church by that morning. Last year, this sale was a great success. We are fortunate to have so many bakers in our congregation!

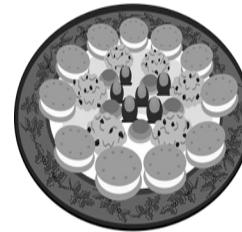
If you are interested in helping out, sign up sheets are located in the sanctuary.

Trays will include a variety of homemade cookies (Warning: cookies may have been made in an area which was exposed to nuts.) Trays will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 18. Payment due when you pick up your cookies, checks payable to the church. **ORDER DEADLINE: DECEMBER 4.**

IRWIN MALE CHORUS CONCERT & Westmoreland College Brass ensemble SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022, 7:00 PM

Come and enjoy the concert. Bring your friends and neighbors. Cookies are needed for the reception. If you are able to donate cookies, you may bring them to the church on Sunday morning, December 4.

Irwin's Christmas Cookie Tour



Bring your family and friends to downtown Irwin on December 9, 2022 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. for the annual Christmas Cookie Tour. Make sure to stop here at the church for fresh cookies and a tour if you would like one! **Irwin**



First United Methodist Church will be having an open house with a play by our youth group! Along with cookies, we will have lots of refreshments.



THIS WEEK AT IRWIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of pastoral care.

His contact information is as follows: 724-747-6098 (call or text) -
preacherptl@gmail.com

Sunday, November 27

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service
6:00 p.m. - Volleyball

Monday, November 28

9:00 a.m. - Nativity Group
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts
6:00 p.m. - Dartball

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center
6:00 p.m. - Basketball
7:00 p.m. - NOW meeting
7:30 p.m. - NA

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center
10:00 a.m. - Quality Control Meeting
1:00 p.m. - Bible Study
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
6:15 p.m. - Cathedral Bells
7:00 p.m. - Zoom Prayer Group Meeting
Zoom Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password: 3U22u3
7:00 p.m. - AA
7:15 p.m. - Choir

Thursday, December 1

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m. - Basketball
6:30 p.m. - NA
7:00 p.m. - Disaffiliation meeting w/ District Superintendent

Friday, December 2

Have a great weekend!

Saturday, December 3

11:00 a.m. - Lunch with Santa
6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Service

Sunday, December 4

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service
7:00 p.m. - Irwin Male Chorus

HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS - If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from Pastor Bruce, please call the office or you may call/message Pastor Bruce directly at 724-747-6098. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he does not know there is a need.*



IN PERSONAL CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES

Wanda H. - Walden View; Mary Greene & James R., Sr. - St. Anne's Home, Greensburg; Altozoe S. - Hempfield Manor.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER

Ed b., Teagan S., Renee, Judy, Heather, Matt, and Loraine F., Kristi R., Barbara G., Terry and Deb Y., Diana M., John D., Mike P., Kate G., Cindy M., Ed D., Betty Jo M., Eric S., Kathy S., Floyd, Rose D., Connie P., Jane, Rob F., Renee E., Finn, Sandy D., Connie B., Sandye C., Daryl S., Jamie, Peg and Lamont, Pat C., Marlene W., Al M., Jennifer H., Lilly, Ronnie L., Gary E., Molly A., Mary and Dan G., Maria B., Ed B., Jonathan and Felicia W., Bob and Judie M., Dorothy A., Patti W., Josh A., Donna W., Vi N., Sandy L., Linda K., Larry R., Jule K., Mark L., Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Cheryl and John M., Tim and Diane N., Rick H., Marlin A. and Nancy P., Joe S., Joe L., Virginia, Jennifer N., Curt E., Valerie M., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Dean and Dorothy, Rose N., Sara C., Fred and Barb S., Mischa and Suzanne S., Diane B., John G., Noah C., Craig C., Red, Dawn, Amy P., Chuck K., Pat M., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura, Dave W., Kim V., Dorothy A., Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Lesley K., Debbie N., Cliff R., Penny and Jerry M., Ron M., Father John Moineau, Shirley B., Brandon G. and **Missionaries:** Bob & Natalie F. and Family (India), John and Diane K. (Mexico) and Connie Wieck.

THIS MONTH'S PRAYER LIST

We will change the prayer list the first Sunday of each month. Please contact the church office with names for the list.

Kathy U., Barb E., Jennifer G., Denise and Annie, Neil and Alma, our world, Military and First Responders, our Country and Leaders, job situations and those traveling.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Joe P., William R., Tanner G., Tim N., Brandon D., Colby S., Angelo W., Nicholas P., David J., Amanda M., James G., Emery M., Makayla L., Mark R., Sara D., Jeremy L., Carl B., Dylan A., Thomas C. and Edward J. III.

We are selling Red FUMC T-Shirts to Help Raise our Roof!



The front left chest The back of t-shirt



The screen print will be white on the red t-shirts

Shirts will be \$20 each for sizes S-XL, \$21 for 2 XL, \$22 for 3XL and \$23 for 4XL.

Final shirts orders are due **Sunday, December 4** in order to have them for Christmas!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

and Sizes of t-shirts ordered _____

Total Amount - Check or Cash Enclosed _____

Orders can be placed with Pastor Ron 724-691-7113, the Office 724-863-3804 or place in the weekly offering

God loves you and so do We!

We need your help! We at First United Methodist Church in Irwin have a tremendous facility that has been serving the Irwin and surrounding communities for over one hundred years. We presently have 47 Ministries existing within the body of FUMC utilizing talents in the way God is calling you to do. Our complete list is available at:

<https://www.irwinfirstumc.org/groups/committees/finance>

The challenge with our facility is keeping it in the condition necessary to continue to serve our community. Presently \$30,000 is needed to repair the slate on the main portion of the roof and replace 2 of our flat roofs. We are asking for donations within our church and community to help continue our mission:

"The First U.M. Church of Irwin exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are a community of believers, centered on Christ, united by God's love, and empowered by the Holy Spirit"

Please contribute what God is calling you to help us with our Raise our Roof Campaign. You can either fill out the information on the bottom of the form and drop it off in the church office or offering plate and/or contribute online by credit card at <https://www.irwinfirstumc.org/fundraisers> . **Each donation will be matched through our capital improvements matching fund previously established by one of our benefactors.** Thank you.

God Loves You and So Do We!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Donation Amount _____

First Sunday of Advent, November 27



Our Progressive Nativity opens with the angel, Gabriel, visiting Joseph and Mary. *Isaiah 7:14* contains the prophecy of a virgin bearing Immanuel ~ God with us. The Hebrews longed for that fulfillment for over seven hundred years. No doubt folks speculated about how this would come to pass. "God with us" was a foreign concept to the chosen tribes who revered Jehovah so highly that they wouldn't write his name. Only once a year would a priest go into the Holy of Holies where God inhabited. The priest would have a rope tied to his foot so that he could be pulled out in the event that God smote him. And, now, a common carpenter, Joseph, and his betrothed, Mary, were being told that God would dwell with them intimately. That the Babe would be a part of their family. He would crawl through the sawdust and eat from their table. He would play with other children in the village and worship in their synagogue. It must have been difficult for Joseph and Mary to wrap their minds around the idea that the Messiah was being entrusted to their care. Gabriel spoke four words of command to them during their individual revelations. "Do not be afraid". Gabriel relayed what God had planned and what actions they should take in response. But the only command he gave was to not be afraid. Why is that? The imperative sentence was quite clear and moved the fear from a feeling to a choice. God's love was spoken to their hearts as they decided to trust Him. Fear turned to wonder as Isaiah's ancient prophecy became a reality. Immanuel indeed!

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