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October 3, 2021

October Memory Verse - Galatians 6:7

“Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.”

The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

“Be Still and Know”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 8

L: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

P: **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Chorus

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,

That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword.

Chorus

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING**

“God of the Prophets”

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ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC

Saturday Service - 16

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 45 10:45 a.m. - 57

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 21

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***CALL TO WORSHIP (cont.)**

Psalm 8

L: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
P: **What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**
L: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.
P: **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**
L: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
P: **O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**
All: **AMEN.**

***HYMN No. 2226**

“Bind Us Together”

Chorus

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together with love.

1. There is only one God, there is only one King;
There is only one body, that is why we sing.

Chorus

WORD OF GOD

Genesis 2:18-24

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

8:15 a.m. - “Bread of the World”

***DOXOLOGY (tune – “Lord of the Dance”)**

**“For the gift of creation, for the gift of your love,
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.” Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 620**

“One Bread, One Body”

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

Refrain

2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

CHILDREN’S CHAT

ANTHEM 8:15 a.m. - **Special Music - “In You, We Are One” - Connie Bickerstaff**
10:45 a.m. - **“In You, We Are One” - 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

***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 10:2-12

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Equality”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT

All are welcome to the table of our Lord

***HYMN No. 569**

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.

OCTOBER IS OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN MONTH



This week we kick off our Stewardship Campaign. We have 3 goals – our spiritual growth, our time and talent growth and our finances. We are talking about Your love for God and His love for You. During worship each of the five Sunday's, we will show a brief summary/teaching video. This week we will be showing both videos in worship. If you are not signed up for Right Now Media, please contact Pastor Bruce at preacherptl@gmail.com or Ron at ron.slavin@irwinfirstumc.org and they will sign you up. If you are unable to access Right Now Media, please come to worship 10 minutes early each week to view the video at the church. WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TODAY? Next week's video in the Living Generously study is called Defense at <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/215723?episode=3>. Please watch this before you attend service next week.

Where the U.S. Local Church Expense Dollars Go

The cost of our Christ-centered global ministry is significant, but it is only a tiny portion of our local church budget. Of every \$1 given in the offering:

85 cents
stays in the local church

6 cents
Benevolent Giving
(Second Mile Giving)

2 cents
goes to general
apportionments

7 cents
goes to jurisdictions,
annual conferences
and districts

Your church's expense figures will vary, depending on your support of annual conference benevolences. Source: General Council on Finance and Administration data, 2015 (most current data available).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

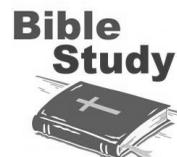
PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH - October is "Pastor Appreciation Month". Pastor Appreciation Month (originally called Clergy Appreciation Month) was established in 1992 by a group of pastors and church leaders to honor those who serve in ministry. They grounded the celebration in Paul's words to Timothy: "*The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching; . . .*" (1 Tim. 5:17). If you wish to show your appreciation to Pastor Bruce and Ron, we have included a "Love Offering" envelope for your use. We will show our "appreciation" to Pastor Bruce and Ron on Sunday, October 24, 2021, so please have your gift in before that date.

THE COMMUNITY INDOOR YARD SALE



Indoor Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday Oct 30th from 10am-2pm. Cost of a table is \$20. Tables will be sold on a first come first serve basis, space is limited. Church will be open for set up on -Friday night from 7-9. To reserve a table see Robbyn Slavin or email Ron at ronaldslavin@comcast.net. We will be taking reservations from church members only until Oct 2nd, if all tables are not filled, we will open tables to the public.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BRUCE - Beginning Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m., Pastor Bruce will be leading a new Bible study. "Ancient Secrets of the Bible" explores the Shroud of Turin, the Ark of the Covenant, the Walls of Jericho, Noah's Ark and the battle of David and Goliath. This study will run for six (6) weeks and will be held in the Assembly Room. If you are interested in learning more about these "ancient secrets", please join us.



NEW YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY - This Bible study will be starting today, Sunday, September 19 between services and every Sunday to follow. Katelyn Slavin invites all young adults age 18-30ish to join her as she uses Right Now Media to study "Adulging". Class will be held

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - Our Church office is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The office telephone number is 724-863-6858 and the office email is office@irwinfirstumc.org. This mail box is monitored by the secretary and our financial secretary/office manager. If you would like to reach our Financial Secretary/Office Manager, Joyce Shaffer, directly, you may call 724-863-4977 or joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org. **THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 FOR MAINTENANCE.**

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON UPMC
“FOR LIFE’S” MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

Are you getting Medicare for the first time? Looking to switch your current Medicare plan? Join us and have your Medicare questions answered.

Learn about Medicare coverage choices. Geoff Clauss, an authorized UPMC for Life agent, will be hosting informational meetings to help you better understand Medicare. Geoff will cover Original Medicare, UPMC for Life’s Medicare Advantage plans, explain the extra benefits included in those plans, and more!

No need to preregister—just come to The First United Methodist Church located at 310 Oak St., Irwin, PA.

The wearing of face masks is required for all attendees and will be available at the door.

Meetings will be held:
Saturday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES - The NOW Committee will be selling Christmas cookies (YAY!) again this year. The cost will be \$21.00 for a small tray and \$35.00 for a large tray. If you are interested in purchasing this delicious treat for your Christmas celebration, please sign up on the sheet that will be pass around during the worship service. We would like to get as many pre-orders as possible so we may bake accordingly.



PRAYER QUILTS AND PRAYER SHAWLS



The Stitch in Faith Ministry and the Hands to Work, Hearts to God Ministry are not complete without your participation. We need your help in identifying those who need a prayer quilt or prayer shawl. Do you know someone who is going to have surgery or is recovering from surgery, a new baby, marriage, loss of a loved one, suffering from depression, starting college or even dealing with a challenge? There could be various reasons. After the dedication, the prayer quilts and prayer shawls may be picked up

on the communion rail and then the following week they will be placed on the ladder shelving unit located in the narthex for anyone who needs one. See Mary Reed or Cindi Painter with questions.

CHURCH MINISTRIES FUNDRAISER - Hoagie/Pizza Orders . . . May be picked up today in the Assembly room following both services. Checks can be made payable to First UMC. Thank you to everyone for ordering and for your understanding. All monies from this fundraiser will go to First UMC Ministries. Questions, contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649. **While you’re picking up your orders, pick up homemade Apple Butter (\$5), brought to you by Cindi Painter.**

THANK YOU - A great big “THANK YOU” to Ruth Mance, Cynthia Painter and Pat Osterman for helping the office staff in preparation of the financial commitments cards.



MUSICIANS WANTED



Are you interested in being a part of the Saturday night worship team (6pm service)? We are in need of musicians (on guitar, keyboard, or percussion) who are willing to play/sing on a regular or semi-regular basis (once a month, twice a month, every week???) The schedule is up to you!). Interested persons should have the following qualities:

- > Ability to independently learn 5 or 6 songs in a week
- > Willingness to arrive at 4:30p on Saturday to practice
- > Ability to play from chord sheets
- > Familiarity with current contemporary worship music would be a plus
- > Ability to sing harmonies would be a plus as well.

If you are interested please talk to Laura sometime at a Saturday night service.

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS



New Hope Presbyterian Church located at 12727 Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon, PA 15642, is now a partner site with Bountiful Blessings®, a Christian-based charity that serves need-based families of all faiths. The goal is to assist working families and senior citizens, who are in need during those temporary times of financial hardship. It is our prayer, that by supplementing these families with non-food items, we are equipping them to get back on their feet again. This ministry offers a “hand up”, not a “hand out”, to people in need. This site is open and staffed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month between the hours of 5:00 -7:00 p.m. For more information please contact New Hope Church at (724) 863 -7702 or contactnewhope@verizon.net.

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, October 3 - World Communion Sunday

8:15 a.m. - In-Church and Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:45 a.m. - In-Church and Drive-in Church—Radio 87.9 FM, Facebook, YouTube and Zoom (Meeting ID#: 633 303 454 Password: 104289)
12:15 p.m. - Temple Chimes Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. - Scout Informational Meeting

Monday, October 4

6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Dartball (Away)
7:00 p.m. - Crazy Christmas Club Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 5

9:00 a.m. - Quilting Group
7:00 p.m. - SPRC Meeting with the District Superintendent on Zoom
7:00 p.m. - Outreach Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Safety Meeting
7:30 p.m. - NA

Wednesday, October 6

9:30 a.m. - Salvation Army
10:00 a.m. - Zoom Prayer Group Meeting
Zoom Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password: 3U22u3
10:00 a.m. - Quality Control Meeting
1:00 p.m. - Bible Study
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
6:00 p.m. - Bible Study with Pastor Bruce
7:00 p.m. - AA

Thursday, October 7

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
6:15 p.m. - Chancel Bells
6:30 p.m. - NA
7:15 p.m. - Choir

Friday, October 8

9:00 a.m. - Food Bank Truck

Saturday, October 9

8:00 a.m. - Food Bank Distribution
1:00 p.m. - Medicare Informational Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship & Dinner

Sunday, October 10

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
12:15 p.m. - Temple Chimes Rehearsal

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. - Redstone; Dorothy B. - Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon; Mary Greene & James R., Sr. - St. Anne's Home, Greensburg; Doris C. - Golden Heights, Harrison City; Altozoe S. - Hempfield Manor.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER

Mark L., 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., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Dean & Dorothy, Chris E., Rose N., Sara C., Jeanne & 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 & Tom D., Laura, Stephanie S., Dave W., Bill & Elaine M., Kim V., Dorothy A., Paul & Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Lesley K., Debbie N., Cliff R., Penny & Jerry M., Ron M., Father John Moineau, Shirley B., Brandon G., Kathy H. and
Missionaries: Bob & Natalie F. & Family (India) 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.

Vi, Tom and Peggy, Sandy L., Neil and Alma, Eugene W., Suzanne K., Bob W., Lou B., Josh, Denise and Anne D., our world, First Responders & Military, Our Country & Leaders, Job Situations and those traveling.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Brandon D., Korea; Colby S., Iraq; Angelo W., Oklahoma City; Nicholas P., Schofield Barracks, HI; David J., Afghanistan; Amanda M., Walter Reed Hospital; James G. Maryland; Emery M. Japan; Makayla L., Ft. Jackson, SC; Mark Russak, Sara D., Jeremy L., Carl B., and Edward J. III.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I Thessalonians 5:16-18