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September 12, 2021 - WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

September Memory Verse—Romans 8:18

“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to 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.**

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

“Just a Closer Walk”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

P: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.**

L: Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

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

P: **Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.**

L: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN No. 145 (vs 1 & 3)**

“Morning Has Broken”

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

WORD OF GOD

James 3:34-38

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

"At Prayer"

***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. 430 (vs. 1 & 2)**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

1. O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret;
Help me bear the strain of toil,
The fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

ANTHEM

"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"

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 8:34-38

**L: The Word of God for the children of God.
P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Power of the Tongue"

***HYMN No. 664**

“Cry of My Heart”

Chorus

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow
All of the days of my life.

1. Teach me your holy ways, of Lord,
So I can walk in your truth.
Teach me your holy ways, oh Lord,
And make me wholly devoted to you.

Chorus

2. Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that you do.
Open my heart up more and more,
And make it wholly devoted to you.

Chorus

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING**

“Epilogue”

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

ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE

Worship Host—Robbyn Slavin

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC

Saturday Service—17

Sunday—8:15 a.m.—48 10:45 a.m.—48

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ALTAR FLOWERS - The flowers on the altar are given by our Youth Group in memory of **9/11**.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION - Thanks and appreciation to Wendell’s Vision Ministry, Patty and Jack Osterman, Bernie and John Johnston, Tom Lehner and Joel Frye for the great work they did in my home. Thanks again and God Bless, Alice

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

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.

Julia H., Lou Berta, Vi, Tom & Peggy, Sandy L., Paul & Michelle, Neil and Alma, Eugene W., Suzanne K., Bob & Bev M., Bob W., Joe K., Pastor Bruce & Bonnie, Ron, Judy & Jim M., Joseph K., Sean & Heather M., Heather S. & baby Lexi, Jean B., Jane M., Rita, Grace L., Melvin L, Jr., Jean & Jim L, Mia G., Kathy H., Bob M., Josh, Denise & Annie D., Jane M., Madison & Ryan A. and twins, Cheryl M., Lou B., 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

***“Though we miss him greatly, we rejoice in
Joseph Burritt Hawley’s
triumphant return to his Heavenly Father.”***

Friends and family are invited to attend a Memorial Service for Joseph B. Hawley (January 22, 1923 - October 4, 2020) on Saturday, September 18, 2021, 11:00 a.m., at First United Methodist Church, 310 Oak Street, Irwin, with the Rev. Bruce R. Judy officiating. Interment, with military honors, will follow in Irwin Union Cemetery. A luncheon will follow the grave side service at the church.

LOVE OFFERING - Our secretary, of more than 15 years, Jeanne Kertis, has retired. We will be collecting a Love Offering for Jeanne through the end of September. Please place your offering in an envelope and place in the offering plates. If you would like to mail in a donation, you may address it to First United Methodist Church, 310 Oak St., Irwin, PA 15642. Be sure to make your check or envelope “Love Offering—Jeanne Kertis.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - Our Church office will now be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. The office telephone number is 724-863-6858. 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Our Greeters/Contact Tracing Team contact is Dianne Runser, at the organ bench or fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net or 412-372-5290. Dianne is also the person you would contact if you would like the Church Directory App for your phone or computer.

Wendell’s Vision forms are available on the website or in the Church office. If you require more information, you may contact Patty & Jack Osterman at namretsojp@gmail.com or 724-863-2796.

WELCOME - Bonnie Judy will be our interim secretary until PPR hires a new permanent secretary. Please send all bulletin and newsletter information, as well as any other information you would like the church office to have to: bonnie.judy@irwinfirstumc.org.

NEW MEMBER CLASS - Classes began Sunday, August 29 at 9:30 a.m. and will run through September 29. At the 10:45 a.m. service, on September 29, new members will be accepted into our congregation and a reception to follow. If you would like to become a member of the Irwin First United Methodist Church, please fill out the Family Information sheet found on the table in the narthex and drop it in the offering. Pastor Bruce will be glad to speak with you about what it means to be a United Methodist and a member of Irwin First United Methodist Church. **If you are already a United Methodist, you may transfer your membership to our congregation at any time.** Please contact the church office so we can obtain the transfer from your previous congregation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODDLER CLASS - Did you know we have a class for your 2-4 year old? It is from 9:30—10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. We have a story, a craft (sometimes 2), a snack and maybe some play time. If you would like further information, please contact Dawn Capecci (724-651-2503) or Donna Weber (724-864-4954).

THE UPPER ROOM and THE DAILY BREAD - The September/October edition of The Upper Room and the September issue of The Daily Bread are now available in the adult assembly room. These are great devotionals to help you begin (or end) your day with Bible readings, prayers and short testimonials from Christians around the world. Extra copies have of The Daily Bread have been received so please take as many as you want or need.

FLEA MARKET now known as THE COMMUNITY INDOOR YARD SALE

There will be a “BRAINSTORMING” planning meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to be a part of our Community Indoor Yard Sale, please plan on attend this meeting. We need your help! This is a great 1st time servicing project.

The Community Indoor Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Tables will be rented for those wishing to sell their own items. Food will be available for sale and there will be a bake sale. Please **do not** bring donated items to the church at this time as we have no room to store them. We will have more details in the near future.

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

CHURCH MINISTRIES FUNDRAISER - Today is your last opportunity to place your orders for hoagies, pizzas and pepperoni rolls. Orders can be paid for when you pick them up on Sunday, September 26, following both services. Checks should be made payable to “FUMC”. Any questions concerning your order, please contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

We need your updated clearances as soon as possible. We are asking that ALL volunteers submit their most recent clearance (if you have one) or complete and submit a clearance application request. Unpaid volunteers are required to receive a new clearance every 5 years from the date of your oldest clearance. If you have any questions or are not sure of your last clearance date, please call the office at 724-863-6858 or email Joyce at joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org.

In addition to the state clearances, the United Methodist Church requires that everyone working with children and vulnerable adults have **SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING**. If you have not had your Safe Sanctuary training, please contact Pastor Bruce of the office and we will help you with obtain your clearances and training.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN NEEDED - The SPRC is still searching for a part-time custodian. This position is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (flexible) and pays between \$10.00 and \$10.50 per hour. If you know someone who would be interested in this position, they can go to www.indeed.com and type "Part Time Custodian" and "Irwin PA". This will take them to our listing. Eric Platt can provide additional information and can be reached at eric.platt@irwinfirstumc.org.

Until this position is filled, if you would like to volunteer from time to time to help Phill and Fritz, please contact Eric or Pastor Bruce.

BABY NEWS

We are celebrating the August 26, 2021 birth of Jalen Allen Jones to Anneliese Painter and Mark Jones of Washington, PA. Grandparents are ErinStants Painter and Dr. Matt StantsPainter. Great Grandparents are Alan and Cindi Painter. Mom and baby are doing well!

DART BALL SEASON - Dart Ball has started and we are looking for a few more team players. We have lost several members due to illness, work or family responsibilities and/or relocation. Dart Ball is not only throw darts at a baseball type board and with a similar baseball singles, doubles, ripples, rbis (runs batted in), homeruns and outs, but we also have a great time of fellowship on Monday evenings! Game time is 7:00 p.m. If you have ever considered playing Dart Ball and would like to play, please notify Alan Painter.

NATIVITY TEAM - The Nativity Team will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays between 9:00-11:30 a.m. We will be sewing the backdrop, ironing costumes and dressing mannequins preparing for the 2021 Advent/Christmas season. "Many hands make light work!" Join us whenever you are able. If you have any questions, please contact Cindi Painter.

STITCH IN FAITH QUILTING MINISTRY - The Quilting Ministry will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays between 9:00-11:30 a.m. Notify Mary Reed with questions.

PRAYER QUILTS AND PRAYER SHAWLS DEDICATION

The dedication of Prayer Quilts and Prayer Shawls will take place on Saturday, September 18th and Sunday, September 19th. Projects need to be turned in this week so the prayer cards can be completed, attached, and placed in a storage plastic bag (COVID practice). Also, 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.

HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL - This class will be meeting beginning today, Sunday, September 12. We meet in the "little parlor" off the adult assembly room, as we work on our curriculum decisions. Please contact Cindi Painter with questions.

PROTESTANT RELIGIOUS AWARDS FOR BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS

The church will be offering the religious awards for scouts this year through P.R.A.Y.(Program of Religious Activities with Youth).This is the program that has been offered in the past. Depending on the program/award, scouts will be meeting with a counselor once a month for 4-6 months. Awards will be presented in the spring of 2022.

Below are the awards and the age group of the scouts:

- JESUS AND ME - kindergarten and first grade
- GOD AND ME - grades 2nd and 3rd grade
- GOD AND FAMILY - grades 4th and 5th
- GOD AND CHURCH - grades 6th- 8th grade
- GOD AND LIFE-grades 9th -12th grade.

If your scout is interested in doing the award, I would like to know prior to September 19th so that workbooks can be ordered. A parent's meeting and possibly the first session for the scouts will be on Sunday, October 3rd at 2:00. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Pat Osterman. E- Mail: namretsop@icloud.com. Home phone. 724-863-2796

Also a big thank you to the volunteers that have offered their time to be the counselors for the scouts.

RELIGIOUS AWARD OPTION FOR DOING THE AWARD ON LINE

P.R.A.Y is offering an online virtual class power point this year for all levels of the awards. There is no fee. This is a downloadable power point file to assist in teaching a program in a virtual setting .A counselor manual is still required to teach the program and students are required to have their own original student workbooks.

In this time of uncertainty, with COVID, this could be an alternative for some families. Go to praypub.org. Go to online store. Click on the program/ award that you are interested in. Scroll to virtual class PowerPoint and click on icon and add to cart- there is no fee. Also add to cart a student book and counselor book.

When you have completed, the work will still need to be viewed by a counselor and pastor for them to order the award. If this is an option that you would like to do, I would still like to notified of you are doing this .Any questions, please feel free to get in touch with me. Thank you Pat Osterman.

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, September 12 - "WELCOME BACK SUNDAY"

- 8:15 a.m. - In-Church and Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)
- 9:30 a.m. - New Member Classes
- 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. - SonShiners and Teens All for Christ (TAFC) Meeting

Monday, September 13

- 10:00 a.m. - United Methodist Women
- 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. - Dartball (Home)

Tuesday, September 14

- 7:00 p.m. - Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Brainstorming Community Indoor Yard Sale Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. - NA

Wednesday, September 15

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

Thursday, September 16

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

Friday, September 17 - Enjoy your weekend!

Saturday, September 18

- 6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship & Dinner

Sunday, September 19

- 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. - New Member Classes
- 12:15 p.m. - SonShiners Rehearsal