

**\*HYMN No. 666 (Sing Twice)**

Shalom to you now,  
Shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom,  
Christ be your shalom.

“Shalom to You”



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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING**

**Recessional in A Minor”**

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**ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE**

Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC**

Saturday Service - 12

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 39    10:45 a.m. - 63

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 16

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September 26, 2021 - New Member Sunday (10:45 a.m.)

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.*

*\*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**

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

**“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 19:7-14**

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

P: **The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

L: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

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

*Psalm 19:7-14-3*

- P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- L: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is  
great reward.**
- P: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**
- L: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have  
dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great  
transgression.**
- P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**
- All: AMEN.**

**\*HYMN No. 126**

**“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”**

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love,  
The God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled  
And every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.
3. Thus, all my gladsome way along,  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
That earth may hear the grateful song  
My voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,  
Both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.

**WORD OF GOD**

*James 5: 17-20*

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY**

**“Offertory on ‘Evan’”**

**\*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. 591**

**“Rescue the Perishing”**

1. Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,  
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;  
Weep o’er the erring one, lift up the fallen,  
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

**Chorus**

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;  
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.

4. Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;  
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;  
Back to the narrow way patiently win them;  
Tell the poor wanderer a Savior has died.

**Chorus**

**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

**BAPTISMS and NEW MEMBERS**

**ANTHEM (10:45 a.m. Chancel Choir)**

**“God Will Make a Way”**

**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 in-  
to temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and  
the glory forever. AMEN**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 9:38-42*

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

**SERMON**

**“Life is not about Me”**

## 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.

**DART BALL LEAGUE** - The Greater Irwin Area Dart ball League has now gone Coed. So yes, women you are invited to join! This is the first year they have permitted this and some of the teams have some women playing. Dart ball is set up like a regular baseball game using darts. We play at various local Churches on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you, man or woman, are 12 years of age or older and would like to join in the fun contact Alan Painter at 724-446-0224. Thanks and God bless!

## 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](mailto:contactnewhope@verizon.net).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](mailto:joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org).

## 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](mailto: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.



**Bible Study**



**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 "Adulting". Class will be held upstairs. For more information, contact Katelyn at 724-600-9724.

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



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Our Greeters/Contact Tracing Team contact is Dianne Runser, at the organ bench or [fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:namretsojp@gmail.com) or 724-863-2796.

**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.

### 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.**

**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. No pepperoni rolls will be made at this time. 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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.

**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).

**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.*

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

**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](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

**Sunday, September 26 - New Member Sunday (10:45 a.m)**

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 Rehearsal

**Monday, September 27**

6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. - Dartball (Away)

**Tuesday, September 28**

9:00 a.m. - Nativity Team Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - NOW Meeting  
7:30 p.m. - NA

**Wednesday, September 29**

9:30 a.m. - Salvation Army  
10:00 a.m. - 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. - Healing Service  
7:00 p.m. - AA

**Thursday, September 30**

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

**Friday, October 1 - Have a blessed weekend!**

**Saturday, October 2**

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

**Sunday, October 3 - World Communion Sunday**

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. - New Member Classes  
12:15 p.m. - Temple Chimes Rehearsal  
2:00 p.m. - Scout Informational Meeting