



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 20, 2020

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September Memory Verse: John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.”

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.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:1-6

L: ¹O give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name, make known God’s deeds among the peoples!

P: ²Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all God’s wonderful works!

L: ³Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

P: ⁴Seek the Lord and his strength; seek the Lord’s presence continually!

L: ⁵Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

P: ⁶O offspring of Abraham, God’s servant, children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones.

HYMN No. 145 “Morning Has Broken” v. 1 & 3

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 Philippians 1:21-30

Paul’s Present Circumstances

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in you boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, thriving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted

you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Protector”

DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) “Halle, Halle, Halleluja!”

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

HYMN No. 2153 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”, v. 1 & 2

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

CHILDREN’S CHAT

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:1-16

The Laborers in the Vineyard

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “No More, No Less”

HYMN OF PARTING No. 396 “O Jesus, I Have Promised “, v. 1 & 4

- 1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.
- 4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

BENEDICTION

MUSIC OF PARTING “I Will Serve Thee”

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145 Morning Has Broken

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2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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396 O Jesus I Have Promised

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – 9/20/2020



Toddler Zoom Sunday School - If anyone has a 2-4 year old child and they would like to participate in our class, please email or call Dawn Capecci 412 651 2503 missdawn25@yahoo.com or Donna Weber 724 864 4954. donnam_weber@yahoo.com for more information and the Zoom instructions.

Preschool - 5th grade Sunday School - 9:30 AM on Zoom. For more information please contact Becky at 412-816-1906.

Sunday School for 6th-12th grades - In-person at the church, every Sunday from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM. Please come into the building with a mask on and meet upstairs.

Harvesters Adult Sunday School – In-person at the church, every Sunday from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM. Please come into the building with a mask on and meet downstairs.

Watch the bulletin for information on additional Sunday School classes.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline to submit articles for the October newsletter is Tuesday, September 22nd. Please email your articles to the office at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or send a printed copy to FUMC, 310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642. Articles not received by the due date may not be published until the November newsletter.



Camp News - I hope that your family was able to do some camping this summer...even if it was in the back yard! Camp fires, tents and enjoying the fresh air are always fun! We look forward to our 2021 Camp Events happening, and that time will be here before you know it! We are starting our first Camp Fundraiser - **RADA Cutlery Sale**. If you've never ordered from RADA, you may want to check out their American made products. They sell more than cutlery! There are a few new items this year for those who have ordered in the

past. Catalogs will be available inside the church on Sunday, October 4th. Orders will be taken until Sunday, November 29th. Checks (payable to First UM) should be attached to your order form and deposited in the church office door slot. The products will be available for Christmas giving, so get your shopping done early this year! Thank you for supporting our campers! Questions, contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS: As you can see in “THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH” many our services, Bible study, and Youth Group are all being broadcast using Zoom. If you would like to participate in these activities using Zoom, please follow the instructions below. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor Ron if you have questions.

For computer or smartphone:

Go to Zoom.com Click-Join a meeting

When prompted enter Meeting ID, then a screen will pop up to enter password.

(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting below)

You will enter the “meeting space”. If you move your mouse to the bottom of the box, it will show you the different options, like chat and video.

For landline or cell phone (Audio only):

Dial 1-646-558-8656.

Enter meeting number and follow the prompts.

(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting below)

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

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

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

Due to the COVID 19 virus our worship services will continue to be conducted outside the church building.

Sunday, September 20

8:15 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

9:30 In-Church

Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12)

Harvesters Adult Sunday School

9:30 Zoom Sunday School - Preschool – 5th grade
(see announcement)

10:45 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM),

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password 104289)

Thursday, September 24

6:30 NA

6:30 Girl Scouts

Friday, September 25

6:00 Brown Bag Meal

(See bulletin announcement)

Saturday, September 26

6:00 PM Contemporary Service on

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 750 261 324

Password 520327)

Next Sunday, September 27

8:15 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

9:30 Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12)

10:45 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454

Password 104289)

Monday, September 21

6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, September 22

Newsletter Deadline

7:00 Safety Team Meeting

7:30 NA

Wednesday, September 23

10:00 Prayer Group Meeting on Zoom

(Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)

1:00 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom

(Meeting ID# 864 0592 5934, Password 011752)

5:00 In-Church Youth Group

Church, We Have Great News!

A Big Thank You goes out to the congregation. Within just a few short weeks, we have met and exceeded the amounts needed for the unexpected Boiler and Media needs! In fact, with the matching fund held by the finance committee we will have an excess that will be used for the future expenses that may arise for these two causes. Your prayers and generosity have always been a blessing here at FUMC! We humbly Thank You!

May God Bless You,
The Finance Committee
Alan Painter, Co-chair

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PRECAUTIONS WHEN VISITING FUMC:

1. Everyone must bring and wear a face mask at all times while inside the building. Gloves are optional.
2. Temperatures will be taken upon entering the building.
3. Hand sanitizer stations will be available.
4. Please do not congregate in groups. "Social Distancing" of 6 feet must be adhered to.
5. Anyone not feeling well is asked to please not enter the building.
6. Any gatherings inside the church will be limited to 25 people. The chairperson/host/hostess of the meeting or event will be required to take everyone's temperature upon entering the building, to make sure that face masks are worn at all times by their participants, and to practice social-distancing guidelines.
7. We are trying to keep our staff safe. At this time we ask that meetings not be held in the office. The parlor is available as well as the youth room and both are air conditioned.

The above procedures will be in effect until further notice. By following the CDC guidelines, we can, not only do our part in stopping the spread of the COVID 19 coronavirus, but, we can also stop the spread of other infectious diseases.

OUR EMAIL LIST: If you would like to be on our email list to get the weekly bulletin and announcements, please email the office at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net and we will be sure to put you on the list.

MEDIA TEAM: Volunteers are needed to join our media team. Our worship services, and many of our meetings on Zoom, would not be possible without them. You will be trained to use the equipment and assist with the services and meetings. If you would like to become part of the team please call Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or Pastor Ron (724-691-7113).

"RIGHT NOW MEDIA" BIBLE STUDIES This is a good way to increase your knowledge of the Bible and grow closer to our Lord. To participate in any of these Bible studies, you need to email the church office at fumc.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.

"WENDELL'S VISION": This ministry's purpose is to assist or complete tasks/projects for those who otherwise could not do them for themselves as members of Irwin First United Methodist Church and surrounding community. The needs may vary greatly from the simple to the very complex. We will consider any or all of the requests using the same criteria, without reservation. The goal of Wendell's Vision is to bring glory to God by helping others with our gifts & service!! Please ask the ushers for an information form to join our team or to request help with a project. Forms are also available on our FUMC website. Click on Groups then Outreach.

THE ON-LINE CHURCH DIRECTORY has been improved and you will need an access code to continue to use the online directory. If you have saved your old code, you may be able to re-enter it. Access codes will be emailed to everyone who has listed an email address. The access code will be sent from myucddir.com. Check your spam folder. If you did not receive this email, please contact Dianne at fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net. The online directory is available to everyone who is listed in the directory. No one outside the church has access to your information. If you are a new member, and are not listed in the directory, or if you have any updates to your information (address, phone, email or digital photo), please email Dianne (see above) with the information.

BROWN BAG MEAL: The meals will be handed out every Friday from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM while supplies last. This will continue until further notice.

Monetary donations to help fund this mission are always accepted. Please make your check payable to FUMC” and put “Community Dinner” in the memo line. If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Robbyn Slavin.

BLESSING BOX: Donations of new personal hygiene products are accepted on an ongoing basis as there is a continuous need to refill the Blessing Box for the needy in our community.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Pastor Bruce will continue his Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00 PM on Zoom. If you are interested in participating in the study, please contact him so he can see that you are mailed a copy to use to follow along. Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098 and emails at preacherptl@gmail.com

The stained-glass window this week quotes Matthew 7:17a, “*Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down.*” *Bringeth forth good fruit.*



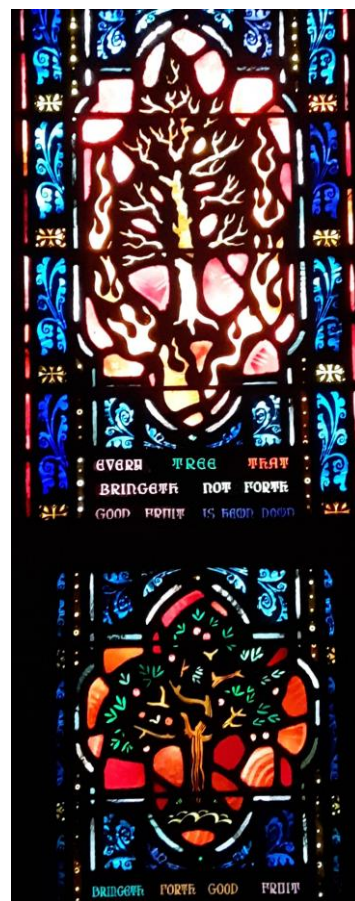
THE SALVATION ARMY UNIT OF IRWIN has its own phone number! If you know anyone in need of our services please have them call 724-331-7832. The office hours for the unit are Wednesday mornings from 9:30 until 11:30.

HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS: If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098

***** **IN PERSONAL CARE & REHABILITATION FACILITIES** *****

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|---|---|
| Dorothy B. ~ Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon | Marge O. ~ The Grove at Irwin |
| Wanda H. ~ Redstone, N. Huntingdon | James R., Sr. ~ St. Anne's Home, Greensburg |
| Bettie H. ~ Nature Park Commons, Greensburg | |
| Doris C. ~ Golden Heights (Harrison City) | LaVerne F. ~ Walden's View |



***** CONTINUOUS PRAYERS *****

Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Casey Y., Megan Y., Cheryl M., Tim N., Rick H., Marlin A & Nancy P., Joe S., Rhonda R., Joe L., Virginia, Jennifer N., Curt E., Cheryl H., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeanne R., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Bill G., Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., Marion H., Rose N., Sara C., Jeanne and Larry A., Fred & Barb S., Mischa & Suzanne S., Diane B., Les H., John G., Kim R., Noah C., Craig C., Red, Dawn, Amy P., Chuck K., Pat M., Jane I., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura, Marlin F., Stephanie S.
 Bob & Natalie F. & Family (Missionaries in India)
 Connie Wieck (Missionary)

***** THIS MONTHS PRAYERS LIST *****

*We will change the prayer list the first Sunday of each month.
 Contact the church office at 724-863-6858 with names for the list.*

Vi, Tom and Peggy, Sandy L., George and Kelly, Paul and Michelle, Neil and Alma, Yvonne I. and family, Samantha, Lilliana P., Tiffany M., Joe K., Our Country & World, COVID 19 Concerns, Our Country and Leaders, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Paul & Iva Lou B., Ashley, Antoinette E., The Larry Shank Family, The Raymond Eichelberger Family

***** SERVICE PERSONNEL *****

Brandon D. – Korea	Colby S. – Iraq	Sara D.
Angelo W. – Oklahoma City	Nicholas P. – Schofield Barracks, HI	Jeremy L.
David J. – Afghanistan	Amanda M. – Texas	Carl B.
James G. – Texas	Emery M. – Japan	Mark Russak
		Edward J. III



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water _____
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant _____
3. To plant _____
4. Sharp part of a plant _____
5. What is harvested. _____
6. To dry up and shrivel _____
7. Person who plants _____
8. The earth a plant grows in. _____

“But the _____₂ falling on good _____₈ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____₅, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____₃ n.”

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 2 3 , N I V

Answer: root, seed, soil, wither, farmer, soil, seed, crop, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow

Drive-In Church

First United Methodist Church
will still hold “drive-in” services every Sunday at 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM.

Please arrive and remain in your vehicle and follow
the usher’s instructions for parking.

If you have questions call Pastor Bruce, Pastor Ron, or the church office.



Brown Bag Community Dinner!

Every
Friday

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

(or while supplies last)

Call Pastor Ron (724-691-7113) for more information.

Pull around to the back of the church and a volunteer will hand you your bag.



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