



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**August 3, 2014**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion & Baptism Sunday**

**GATHERING & WELCOME**

**\*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**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**      “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Enter God’s gates with lips free of deceit and tongues free of slander.

**P:** We will avoid the ways of the violent, and keep our feet upon the paths of peace.

**L:** Enter God’s sanctuary with thanksgiving and find refuge from the storm.

**P:** We come before the Lord with gratitude to behold God’s face in righteousness.

**L:** Come! Let us worship the Lord and touch eternity.

**P:** We will behold God’s likeness and be satisfied.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**L:** Even when our faith falters, O Lord,

**P:** .... we will not let you go.

**L:** Even though we are battered and bruised, O God,

**P:** .... we will not let you go.

**L:** Because we need your blessing, Holy One,

**P:** .... we will not let you go.

**L:** Struggle with us, wrestle with us, strive with us until the dawn, O Lord,

**P:** .... we will not let you go.

**L:** We need your blessing, O God, and we will not let you go.

**All:** Amen

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**BAPTISMAL COVENANT II (page 39)**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**BAPTISM SONG**      “Welcome the Child”

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 131**      **“We Gather Together”**  
*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**ANTHEM**    **“My God & I”**

**RESPONSIVE READING No. 749**      **Psalm 17**

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

**OFFERTORY**      **“Quiet Praise”**

**\*DOXOLOGY No. #95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**God of abundant grace and compassion, you heap blessings on us with the reminder that we have been blessed to be a blessing. As we offer our tithes and offering this morning, we remember that we live in a world where so many don’t have enough to eat or clean water to drink. The words that Jesus spoke to the disciples ring loud in our ears: “You give them something to eat!” As we put these gifts in your hands and lift our eyes in gratitude, bless the gifts and multiply them to ease the need in places we may never go for people we may never meet. We ask this in the holy name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 617**      **“I Come with Joy”**  
*The Altar is open during the hymn.*

**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 (NRSV)**      **Matthew 14:13-21**

**SERMON SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II**

**THE INVITATION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SACRAMENT** – (All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.)

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 664**      **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

**BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING**      **“Voluntary on ‘Aurelia’”**

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

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We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Pastor Michelle Wobrak. Michelle passed away on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

May God comfort and bless all those whose lives she touched.

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**DARTBALL:** The 2014-2015 Dartball season will be starting in September. Our team is currently looking for additional members. Participant must be at least 12 years old. The games are held on Monday evenings at various churches in this area. Anyone interested in more information should call Lou Berta at 412-751-8308.

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Today, Sunday, August 3**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Communion & Baptism Sunday**  
8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Adult Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
12:00 Choir  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS  
7:00 Community Church Service  
(Irwin Park)

**Tuesday, August 5**  
12:00 – 7:00 Irwin Shop Crawl &  
Music in the Streets  
6:15 TOPS  
7:00 Outreach  
7:30 NA

**Wednesday, August 6**  
Irwin Community Picnic at Idlewild  
10:00 Staff meeting – Office Closed  
7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, August 7**  
5:00 Irwin Car Cruise

**Saturday, August 9**  
2:00 Irwin Anniversary Parade  
and activities begin  
9:30 Zambelli Fireworks

**Next Sunday, August 10**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Baptism Sunday**  
8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Adult Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
12:00 Choir  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

**\*\*\* During the month of August the church office will be closing at 1:00 PM. \*\*\***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**THE CHILDREN’S COLLECTION** this week will be combined with the VBS offering to be used for packpack programs in our area. With school starting in a few weeks, the area Rotary and Lions Club are gearing up to help children in need in our communities.

Packpack Programs: 7/27/2014 - \$192.50

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Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, the First United Methodist Church of Irwin will begin a new adventure in worship. This is our Launch Date for our new Alternative Worship Service. This will be a service that differs from the two Sunday morning service.

*We need you help:*  
... attending  
... talking about it with others  
... asking questions

Beginning  
**Saturday, September 6, 2014**  
*See you then!*

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**THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY FAIR** runs August 15-23 from 12 noon to 8 pm daily. The Hospitality Center offers water, diaper changing and feeding areas for babies and also has Bibles available to distribute.

Volunteers are needed in the Hospitality Center sponsored by the Greensburg District. If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours or your church would like to take a whole day, please contact Rev. Beverly Gross at [bevrev@stargate.net](mailto:bevrev@stargate.net) or by calling 724-423-3457 or her cell at 412-953-4041 or any additional questions.

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**COME AND MEET REV. PAT NELSON**, Greensburg District Superintendent, at one of the locations listed below. All clergy and laity are encouraged to attend any one of these **informal** gatherings. All of the sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and end at approximately 9 p.m.

**August 11<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday Park UMC, 81 Sandune Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 7:00-9:00 pm

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – McKeesport: First, 1406 Cornell Street, McKeesport PA, 7:00-9:00

*Any questions, please call the district office at 724-863-5673*

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**-----Rick Simms Memorial Work Trip-----**

**EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT.....THERE ARE EXTRA T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE.....THEY ARE ALL ( X-TRA LARGE ) ADULT SIZE AND CAN BE BOUGHT BY ANY ONE WISHING TO SHARE THE MESSAGE THAT "THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING"** You may purchase one or all, on a first come first serve basis. Envelopes are provided to pay.

If you pre-ordered a T-shirts they are also available for pick-up . They will be in the church office with a envelope attached to remit your cash or check.

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**More Camp News - Attention All Golfers...2014 Jumonville Golf Fundraiser is coming up!** Have a fun day and contribute to a great cause! The date is Friday, August 15th on the Gold Course at Cedarbrook Gof Course located at the intersection of Route 51 and Interstate 70. Funds raised through this annual event helps provide scholarships for HOPE Camp and Kidz2Kamp program. You can be a part of changing lives on making a difference in families that are struggling. You don't need a foursome. For more information, go to the Jumonville website or call 724-439-4912 to reserve a spot.

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**CHURCH PICNIC:** Mark your calendars now for the church picnic on August 18, 2014, at Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion. Please note that this is a **MONDAY EVENING**. The picnic will start at 5:00 PM. Dinner is planned for 6:00 PM. Various meats will be provided for hot sandwiches. Table service items are provided. Please bring a cold dish (like a salad or dessert) to share with others. This way, no one has to rush home from work to prepare something hot. Drinks will be provided. A donation container will be provided if you wish to help defray the costs of the picnic. Before and after dinner, gather for games and fellowship. If you have game equipment (balls, bats, etc.) please feel free to bring it. Also, bring lawn chairs if the picnic benches are too hard for you.

A short vesper service will end the evening as we experience the beauty of God's world at sunset.

All are invited. If you need a ride, please let us know and we will try to make arrangements. Please let us know how many are coming. You may email the church office at [irwinfirstumc@comcast.net](mailto:irwinfirstumc@comcast.net) or sign the form below, Please let us know by August 11 so that we can prepare enough food.

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I will be attending the All-Church picnic:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children attending \_\_\_\_\_

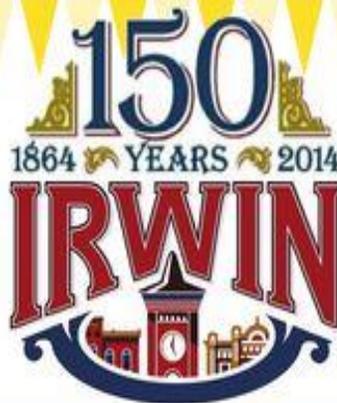
I plan to bring the following dish to share \_\_\_\_\_

I need a ride \_\_\_\_\_

I can provide a ride for someone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# JOIN US for these upcoming events in Celebration of



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND

### Family Picnic & Puppet Building

(Puppet Building is FREE)

10am-2pm in Irwin Park



Photo by Renee Rosensteel

- Please join us for a picnic and puppet building workshop
- Bring your own picnic basket, blanket and drinks
- Irwin restaurants will have picnic packages available
- McFeely's Ice Cream and Chocolate truck will serve desserts

For more information call Karen Glass at 724-454-3973 or email [irwin1864@gmail.com](mailto:irwin1864@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD

### Church Service in Irwin Park & Circuit Rider Preacher

7pm at Pavilion in Irwin Park

The event will include prayer and scripture reading, a re-enactment of an 1800's 'Circuit-Rider Preacher' and his preachings, a medley of songs sung in churches over the last 150 years, contemporary songs and a closing benediction. Afterwards, light refreshments will be served during a 'Fellowship Afterglow' gathering. There is no cost, but the Ministerium asks that everyone bring a dry or canned food item for the Food Bank.

For more information see [www.norwinchurches.org](http://www.norwinchurches.org) or email [irwin1864@gmail.com](mailto:irwin1864@gmail.com).



## TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

### Shop Crawl & Music in the Streets featuring Tim Woods Band

12 Noon - 7pm on Main St.

- Discover the new businesses on Main Street and rediscover old favorites.
- Shop Crawl registration area will be at 411 Main St.
- Other special things happening include:
  - a chance to get a commemorative 'swag bag'
  - win an 'Everything Irwin' basket
  - 'Thank You' gifts if you shop and dine
  - Sales and specials in the stores & restaurants

For more information call 724-216-6200 or email [irwin1864@gmail.com](mailto:irwin1864@gmail.com).



"Music in the Streets" starts at 5:30pm at the 4th Street Arch featuring the **Tim Woods Band**. Tim Woods is an Irwin native whose 30-year career led him to be inducted into the New York Blues Hall of Fame.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH

### Special Super Cruise

5pm-9pm on Main St.

- Different than the April car cruise on Main Street - no charge to enter; no trophies or awards
  - Open to all cruisers and all types of vehicles. NOT just antiques
  - Main Street restaurants and bars will be open for the event
- For more info call 724-216-6200 or email [irwin1864@gmail.com](mailto:irwin1864@gmail.com).

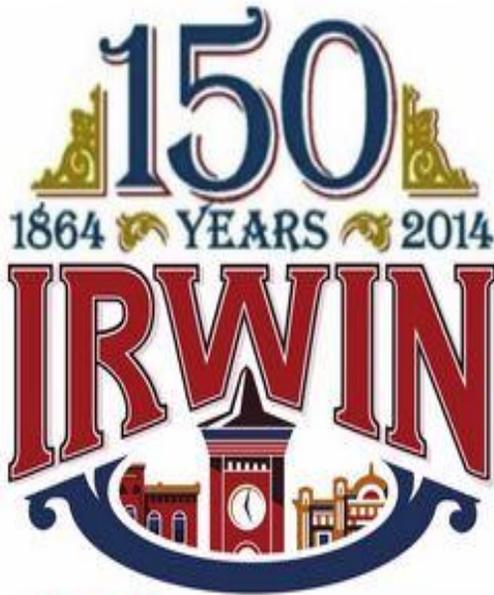


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# You're invited to a Special Celebration



## Saturday August 9th

2:00 PM: The Big Parade  
from Kohl's, down PA Ave.  
to Main Street sponsored by **ST Bank**

3:00 PM: Music & Food in Irwin Park

6:30 PM: Dignitaries and Awards

7:30 PM: River City Brass

9:30 PM: Zambelli Fireworks  
Sponsored by **KENNY ROSS**

Shuttles will run from Norwin High School to corner of Main St. and Pennsylvania Ave., Irwin, from 11AM-11PM on Saturday, August 9th.

- Aug. 2nd** Family Picnic in the Park 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
and Large Puppet Making for use in the Parade
- Aug. 3rd** Church Service in the Park 7:00 PM  
with a Circuit Rider Preacher and Refreshments
- Aug. 5th** Shop Crawl and Music in the Streets  
Shop 12:00 - 7:00 PM Tim Woods Band plays 5:30 - 9:00 PM
- Aug. 6th** Community Picnic at Idlewild
- Aug. 7th** Cruise on Main Street 5:00 - 9:00 PM  
All Years and Makes invited. Main St. closed. No fee.
- Aug. 8th** Gala Dinner - Call For Reservations 724-864-3100

**Be in the  
Parade!**



To get info on how, contact  
Karen Glass at 724-454-3973  
or [irwin1864@gmail.com](mailto:irwin1864@gmail.com)

**Enter a Float in the Contest and Win Cash**



First Place is \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200.  
For float entry form, contact Karen.  
Volunteers also needed to manage the day.

