



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 27, 2014

7th Sunday after Pentecost

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 **“Brother James’ Air”**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed ...

P: **But it seems so small.**

L: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed ...

P: **Why not give us something more substantial?**

L: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed ...

P: **Who would pay attention to that?**

L: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed ...

P: **Can't it be like something else?**

L: Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed ..."

P: **Jesus said that?**

L: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed ...

P: **Lord, help us to see the Kingdom of Heaven instead of our limitations.**

All: **The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed, full of potential, a miracle waiting to happen. We declare that our faith in God contains the potential to transform lives ... mine and others**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, author of the Word made flesh, to whom belongs both the first Word and the last. Open us to your Spirit, that as scripture is spoken and your Word proclaimed, we may be comforted, convinced, and changed to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 540** **“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

ANTHEM **8:15** **“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

10:45 **“For the Beauty of the Earth” – Chancel Choir**

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 8:26-39**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Give Me Jesus”

***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**

Creator and architect of the universe! You made all of creation and entrusted us, your children, to be stewards of your goodness and your mysteries. We, in turn, see suffering and injustice, so many problems caused by human selfishness and indifference, and we say to ourselves, “What can we do?” Then you remind us that whatever terrible thing comes our way, in Christ we are more than conquerors. As we give our tithes and offerings, let us give in that conviction: not with hands clenched tight around our possessions, but with hands open. “We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us!” In that Holy name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 2160 (TFWS) “Into My Heart”

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 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

HYMN No.405 “Seek Ye First”

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 2241 (TFWS) “The Spirit”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Rondeau”**

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



**THANKS to Our
VBS Volunteers,
and everyone who donated items
to make our VBS a success.**

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, July 27
7th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Choir
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Tuesday, July 29
9:30 District Meeting - Sanctuary
6:15 TOPS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, July 30
7:00 Yoga

Next Sunday, August 3
8th Sunday after Pentecost
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

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.

All God's Creatures: 7/6/2014 - \$152.80

7/20/2014 - \$169.96



Saturday, September 6th 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!

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 or by calling 724-423-3457 or her cell at 412-953-4041 or any additional questions.

RICK SIMMS MEMORIAL WORK TRIP T- SHIRTS are in and can be picked up after each of the services the next two Sundays. Payment is due upon pick-up of \$7.00 for Small thru X-Large and \$9.00 2 X-Large and up. Checks can be made out to Pat Osterman. Exact change is appreciated if paying cash. A few extra X-Large shirts were printed to meet the minimum order and will be sold on a first come basis. Plans are to continue the T-shirts next year, so if you see an appropriate catchy phrase equal too or better than "The Church has left the building" please drop it by the office in the mail slot labeled 'Osterman' In His Service, Jack & Patty ---
Work trip Coordinators

Camp News! Jumonville still has a few spots open at a few of their camps! If you think you'd like to attend, please fill out your registration and turn it in to the church office this week. There is still funding available for anyone! The camps available are:

- Dance II Camp - August 3-5 (10-12 Year Olds)
- Mommy/Daddy/Grandparent & Me Camp - August 3-6 (Ages 5-9 with an Adult)
- Summer's Last Blast Camp - August 3-6 (10-14 Year Olds)

If you've already attended camp, I'm sure you have some stories to tell! Share your experience with our church members...we'd love to hear from you! A short newsletter article can be submitted (and you don't need to tell EVERYTHING - some campers just need to experience some things for themselves!)

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 11th – Holiday Park UMC, 81 Sandune Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 7:00-9:00 pm

August 19th – McKeesport: First, 1406 Cornell Street, McKeesport PA, 7:00-9:00

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



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 or sign the form below, Please let us know by August 11 so that we can prepare enough food.

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.

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 or email irwin1864@gmail.com.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

Shop Crawl & Music in the Streets

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.



"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.

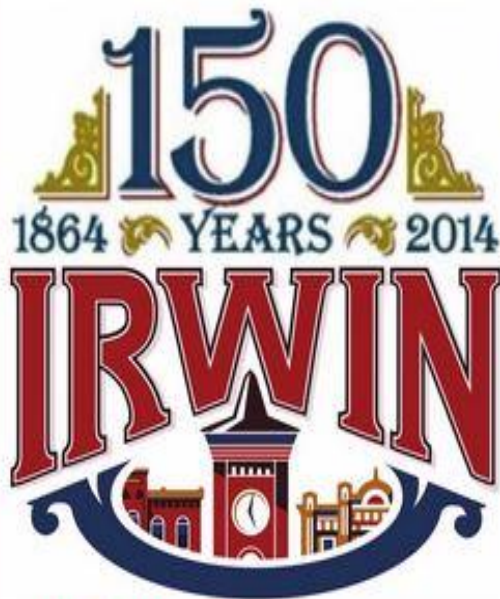


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You're invited to a Special Celebration



Saturday August 9th

2:00 PM: The Big Parade
from Kohl's, down PA Ave.
to Main Street sponsored by **S&T 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 724-454-3975
or 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.



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