



Blood Drive
Irwin Community
First UMC of Irwin



December 22, 2025
 11:30am - 5pm

Please use the Gym Entrance

Attention: The Wendell's Vision Ministry will not be performing any projects from mid November through mid January unless it is an emergency. Please continue to submit your requests during this time so we may be prepared to respond quickly in the new year. Our volunteers will take the time to stay warm and enjoy the time off. May God continue to bless this ministry.

LONGEST NIGHT/ BLUE CHRISTMAS

December 20, 2025 4:30PM
 First United Methodist Church
 310 Oak Street
 Irwin, PA 15642



This is a special service for anyone for whom Christmas is a difficult time, whether you are grieving the loss of a deceased loved one or the loss of a job or are lonely or depressed when everyone else is joyous. Please join us at this church service on the longest night of the year. The time is different this year. Please also join us after

the service downstairs for a shared meal previous to our regular Saturday night service. **NOTE THAT THIS IS A DIFFERENT DATE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS!**

Sponsored by
 First United Methodist Church of Irwin & Ott Funeral Home
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!



First United Methodist Church

310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642

724-863-6858 - www.irwinfirstumc.org

Rev. Hyung-Suk Joe 412-389-2803 (call or text)

Dianne Runser - Music Ministries

Laura Willby - Contemporary Music Coordinator

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December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Memory Verse

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

“ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

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

“What Is This Lovely Fragrance?”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Good news! The Holy One, God Almighty, claims us as God's very own!

People: Rejoice in the Lord!

Leader: Good news! The times of trouble are nearly over!

People: Rejoice in the Lord, always!

Leader: Good news! God is in our midst, ready to renew us with holy love!

People: Rejoice in the Lord, always! Again we say rejoice!

Leader: Good news! Good news! The peace of the Lord will dwell in our hearts!

All: We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving. Thanks be to God!

***HYMN No. 196** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Marci and Jeff Suggars & Patti and Hunter McGowan

CHILDREN'S CHAT Katrina Bryan & Kate and Sydney Schandler

CHILDREN'S OFFERING
Boiler Repair Fund

SPECIAL MUSIC "Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel" -David Lyons
"Father, Long Your People Waited" -Chancel Choir

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

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY 8:15 "In the Bleak Mid-Winter"
10:45 "All Because Jesus is Born" - SonShiners

***CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY** (tune: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One.
Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,
As we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.Amen

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 219** "What Child Is This"

***SCRIPTURE READING** John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON "LIGHTS--JOHN THE BAPTIST"

***HYMN No. 206** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

***BENEDICTION**
Pastor: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24–26). My friends, go in peace!
People: Amen.

MUSIC OF PARTING "Joyous Praise Unending"



ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE
Worship Host – Becky Platt & Barb Worthington
Music Leader - David Lyons

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC
Saturday Evening - 7

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. 52 10:45 a.m. - 69

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 17

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**



All Are Welcome

The Sanctuary is open and available for prayer and meditation.
Monday - Friday 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM
Please sign in and out on the volunteer sheet found on the office half door.

HELP NEEDED WITH SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Trustees are looking for volunteers to help with snow and ice removal during the winter months. Contact Kendra Ondish if you or anybody you know may be interested.



BLESSING BOX



We stock our Blessing Box with toiletry items for those who are in need of them in our community. The need at this time is very great and we hope you can help. If you have donations of new items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, bath soap, deodorant or any personal hygiene items, please bring them to the church when you come for Saturday or Sunday services. Also during office hours. Please be sure that all items are new and in their original packaging. If you have any questions about the Blessing Box, please contact The church office. Additional Blessing Boxes are located in Irwin at the First Assembly of God Church on Oak Street (canned goods) and at the Cheesecake Café on Main Street (books) .

OFFERING COUNTERS MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS

WANTED! If you are interested in joining the Offering Counters Ministry Team, please contact the Church Office at 724.863.4977. This ministry requires 2-3 hours of your time on **Tuesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.** We also require a very high level of confidentiality. Keep in mind that the more people involved in the Offering Counters Ministry, the less often you will be required to count on Tuesdays; however, you will be expected to be available as needed. Pray about being a part of this important ministry.



THIS WEEK AT IRWIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Feel free to contact Reverend Hyung-Suk Joe at any time if you are in need of pastoral care. His contact information is as follows: 412-389-2803 (call or text) - hsjoe@hotmail.com

Sunday, December 14

- 8:15 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:45 am - Worship Service
- 12:15 pm - SonShiners/Temple Chimes
- 6:00 pm - Youth Group

Monday, December 15

- 6:30 pm - Cubscouts
- 7:00 pm - Dartball

Tuesday, December 16

- 8:00 am - Senior Center
- 7:30 pm - NA

Wednesday, December 17

- 10:00 am - Zoom Prayer Group - Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password:3U22u3
- 10:00 am - QC Meeting
- 6:00 pm - volleyball/ pickleball
- 7:00 pm - AA

Thursday, December 18

- 6:00 pm - Basketball
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts
- 6:15 pm - C Bells
- 6:30 pm - NA
- 7:15 pm - Choir

Friday, December 19

- 6:00 pm - Community Dinner

Saturday, December 20

- 4:00 pm - Blue Christmas
- 6:00 pm - Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, December 21

- 8:15 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:45 am - Worship Service
- 12:15 pm - SonShiners/ Temple Chimes
- 6:00 pm - Youth Group Christmas Party

HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS - If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a pastoral care, please call or text Pastor Joe at (412) 389-2803 .
Remember, Pastor Hyung-Suk Joe cannot provide care to our congregation if he does not know there is a need.

IN PERSONAL CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES

Catherine M. - Red Stone Greensburg, Lois K. - Ridgeview Residential Care, Greensburg, Altozoe S. - Hempfield Manor, Jerry B. - Beatty Pointe Village. Nancy W.- Golden Heights. Edith B.- Westmoreland Manor

CONTINUOUS PRAYER

Ruth A., Olivia A., Chuck B., Logan B., Sue B., Tim B. & family Ken B., Diane B., Wyatt B., James B., Jeret B., Maria B., Terry B., Vicky C., Belinda C., Craig C., Bob & Connie C., Barb & Jack E. and family, Deb F. & family, William & Bernardine F. Delaney F., Wilma F., Kent G., Judy G. & girls, Stephanie G. & family Joanne G., Joe & Mary G., Rose H., Bill H. & family, Denny H. & family, Jason H., Jennifer H., Virginia I., Steve J., John J., Ginny K., Barb K., Bob K., Mark K. & family, Suzanne K., Jim L., Julie & Mike L., Sandy L., Marta M., Bonnie M. & family, Mason M. & family, Arthur M., Michelle M., Helen M., Pat M., Raul M., Ron M. & family, Cindy M., John & Cheryl M & family, Vi N., Steve O., Cindi P., Debby & Randy R., Melodie and Earl R., Beth S., Dom S., Eleanor S., Corey S., Jackie S., Wendy S., Toby S., Linda S., John T., Chris U., Kathy U. & family, Jameson W., Jane W., Tom & Barbara W., Marlene W., Janet Z., Heather & Matt & family, Mary Ann & Tom, Mick, Larry, Renee, Jimmy, Kristen, Jesse, & family, Jeff S. & family, Trish, Talia, Nelson

Missionaries: Bob & Natalie F. and Family (India), John and Diane K. (Mexico) and Connie W. (Laos), Roy and Grace.
If there is a name you would like added to the prayer list, please contact the office at 724-863-6858.

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.*

The unborn, missing & exploited children, Laney, Our country/leader, Our Church, those traveling, 1st responders, The family of Virginia Ives, Laura Willby & her family

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Brandon D.; Carl B.; Colby S.; David J.; Dylan A.; James G.; Jeremy L.; Kristi H.; Lt. Joseph A Profeta IV; Makayla L.; Nicholas Park, Major, Army; Mark R.; Sara D.; Tanner Goldbach, Airman First Class, Air Force; Thomas C.; Tim N.; Edward J. III; and William R.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering & Tithes- We have decided to add the Q.R. code that takes you directly to Tithely to our bulletin to make it more accessible and easy. All you have to do is use your phone camera, scan the square, and follow the prompts. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the media team or the office. Thanks!



Church Finances

October Income: \$21,109.19

+\$100,00.00 from the trustees endowment fund

October Expenses: \$30,819.19

Designated Funds: \$83,976.19

Bank Balance as of October 31: \$108,956.64

That leaves us at **+\$24,980.45** to pay bills such as utilities, paper products, payroll, and more. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

Worship Opportunities- If you are interesting in assisting during worship service. Please contact the office or Dianne Runser and we will get you in contact with the correct person. Thank you so much for your faithful service.

DAILY BREAD and THE UPPER ROOM - Daily Bread and Upper Room are available in the "June Coon's Assembly Room" by the window. Please place your donation in the envelope provided and place it in the offering plate. If you haven't had the opportunity to use these prayer devotionals before, now is the perfect time.

Salvation Army - 724-331-7832. If you know of anyone in need of our services please do not hesitate to call.

