

## Closings and Delays

Due to the weather being totally unpredictable, the staff at FUMC, try our hardest to make the most reasonable and safe decisions for our congregation.

At this time, we would ask you to be sure to update your cell phone number and email with a greeter or office personnel to make sure we can communicate with you quickly and effectively for future weather situations.

You can also check the Church's Facebook page, WPXI, KDKA, or WTAE for any closing and/or delay situation.

In the future we hope to implement a mass text message system, but we are still navigating through it at this time. That is why it is important to make sure your cell phone and email are updated in Breeze.

If you have any questions, please call the office. Thank you.

## Announcement

The church office will be closed the following days:



- ◆ December 24, 2025
- ◆ December 25, 2025
- ◆ December 26, 2025
- ◆ December 31, 2025
- ◆ January 1, 2026

Pastor Joe will be away on these for these dates: December 29, 2025 through January 4, 2026. During Pastor Joe's much needed family vacation, services and activities will continue as usual.

If you are in emergent need of Pastoral care or office staff during those dates, please send an email to [Kendra.ondish@irwinfirstumc.org](mailto:Kendra.ondish@irwinfirstumc.org) and you will be put in contact with the appropriate person.



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**December 21, 2025**

**Fourth 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**

**“There's a Song in the Air”**

**–Cathedral Bells**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come home with shouts of joy, for Christ's birth is ever near!

**People: We are like people living a dream, the dream of Christmas day.**

Leader: Carry the promises of God, for Christ's birth brings new hope.

**People: Our souls are filled with joy, as we rejoice in this glorious news.**

Leader: Come home with thankful hearts, for Christ's presence is all around us.

**People: We rejoice in glorious hope, for love has called us here!**

**\*HYMN No. 234**

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**Bernie & John Johnston & family  
Donna, John, & JJ Weber, Dawn Capecchi, & Amy Lentz**

**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

**Kendra Ondish & Katrina Bryan**

**CHILDREN’S OFFERING**

*Boiler Repair Fund*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Hallelujah, Love Has Come” - 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 Midwinter”**

**10:45 “All Because Jesus Was 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**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**\*HYMN No. 242**

**“Love Came Down at Christmas”**

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**SERMON**

**“LILY—MARY”**

**\*HYMN No. 240**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor: Be strengthened according to the proclamation of Jesus Christ. Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Holy One is with you. Nothing is impossible with God. Go in peace!**

**People: Amen.**

**MUSIC OF PARTING**

**“Noel Suisse”**



**ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE**

**Worship Host – Krista Brown & The Bryans**

**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**

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*Altar Flowers*



**To Educators  
-Tim Rominski**



**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](mailto:hsjoe@hotmail.com)

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from the FUMC Staff!

**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

**Monday, December 22**

- 6:30 pm - Cubscouts

**Tuesday, December 23**

- 7:30 pm - NA

**Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

**Office Closed**

- 7:00 pm - Candlelight Service
- 7:00 pm - AA
- 11:00 pm - Candlelight Service
- 10:00 am - Zoom Prayer Group - Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password:3U22u3

**Thursday, December 25 Merry Christmas!**

**Office Closed**

- 6:30 pm - NA

**Friday, December 26 Office Closed**

Enjoy resting the day after the baby King arrived!

**Saturday, December 27**

- 6:00 pm - Contemporary Worship Service

**Sunday, December 28**

- 8:15 am - Worship Service
- 10:45 am - Worship Service



**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!



**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.

**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.

