



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!



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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 7, 2025
Second 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: This is the season of live memories.
People: Let us remember the life of the One whose birth we hail.
 Leader: This is the season of new beginning.
People: Let us begin our watch for the One whose grace we extol.
 Leader: This is the season of great expectations.
People: Let us expect the summons of the One whose love we proclaim.
 Leader: This is the season of glad celebrations.
All: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

***HYMN No. 203**

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Dan, Lindsay, Avery Easley & Barb Worthington, David Lyons

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Krista Brown & Amy Lentz

CHILDREN’S OFFERING

Boiler Repair Fund

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”
-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

**“If God Can Hang the Stars”
- Shinhea Joe**

***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. 2071**

“Jesus, Name above All Names”

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 15:1-5, 17:1-7

SERMON

“STARS—ABRAHAM”

COMMUNION

All our welcome to the table of our Lord.

***HYMN No. 431**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: God is bringing light to our darkness. We are called to go into the world, confident in God’s loving presence, to serve others in need.

Go, bringing hope and peace to this darkened world. Go in God’s love.

People: Amen.

MUSIC OF PARTING

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”



ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE

Worship Host – David Lyons & Kendra Ondish

Music Leader - David Lyons

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC

Saturday Evening - 13

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. 51 10:45 a.m. - 79

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 17

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

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In honor of Nancy Welsh’s birthday.

-Sandy Tyler



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.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to a Christmas Open House at the parsonage
301 Fairview Drive
Irwin, PA 15642

Saturday, December 13, from 1:00-5:00 PM!

Join Pastor Joe and his family for fellowship, light refreshments, and a joyful celebration of the Christmas season.

To help with limited parking, we kindly encourage those who attend the 8:15 AM worship and the Saturday evening worship to stop by between 1:00-3:00 PM, and those who attend the 10:45 AM worship to visit between 3:00-5:00 PM. However, if these times don't work for you, please feel free to come by whenever you're able.

Please, no gifts—your presence is the only gift we ask for! We look forward to celebrating this special season with you.

!!Help Needed!!

The SPRC is still on the search for a Financial Secretary.
The Position is Monday through Friday 10 am – 2pm.
Contact Kim Platt for more information at 412-523-5461 or
kmplatt331@comcast.net

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 7 Irwin Male Chorus

- 8:15 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:45 am - Worship Service
- 6:00 pm - Youth Group
- 7:00 pm - Irwin Male chorus

Monday, December 8

- 11:00 am - UMW Christmas Party
- 6:30 pm - Cubscouts
- 7:00 pm - Dartball- H

Tuesday, December 9

- 8:00 am - Senior Center
- 6:30 pm - Trustees
- 7:30 pm - NA

Wednesday, December 10

- 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 11

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

Friday, December 12

- 9:00 am - Foodbank Truck

Saturday, December 13

- 8:00 am - Food Bank
- 1:00 pm - Open House at the Parsonage
- 6:00 pm - Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, December 14 Angel Tree Gifts Due

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

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., 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.

United Methodist Women- are hosting their annual Christmas party on December 7th at 11 am. All are welcome.

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.