

CHURCH FINANCES as of November 2022

September Income	\$22,156.17
September Expenses	<u>\$31,725.17</u>
Month Ending	-9,569.00

October Income	\$28,243.65
October Expense	<u>\$17,878.15</u>
Month Ending	\$10,365.50

November Income	\$24,553.46
November Expense	<u>\$36,646.42</u>
Month Ending	-12,092.96

At the End of **November**, we are at a

Negative \$-12,092.96 (BUDGET VS ACTUAL)

Year to Date we are at a **Positive \$812.44 (INCOME VS EXPENSE)**

“Raise the Roof” Campaign
balance as of December 15, 2022, is
\$14,980.54

THE CHURCH AND ITS OFFICE RUNS TRANSPARENT, IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT FINANCES REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE MANAGER. YOU CAN REACH HER BY - STOPPING IN THE OFFICE DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WHICH ARE MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 10-2, BY CALLING HER AT 724-863-4977 OR BY EMAIL AT joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org.

2022 Contribution Statements

The office will be mailing your 2022 Contribution Statements on Thursday January 5, 2022.

If you do not receive your statement by Friday January 13th, call the office at 724-863-6858.



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Rev. Bruce R. Judy, Pastor - 724-747-6098 (call or text)

Dianne Runser - Music Ministries

Ronald Slavin - Youth Ministries

Laura Willby - Contemporary Music Coordinator

January 1, 2023

Epiphany Sunday

Memory Verse - Matthew 4:4

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

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

“Saw You Never, in the Twilight”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We have seen His star.

P: **Come, let us worship.**

L: The angels have proclaimed His birth.

P: **Come, let us worship.**

L: Jesus Christ, our Savior is born.

P: **Come, let us worship.**

ALL: Praise the Lord.

*HYMN No. 254

“We Three Kings”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

CHILDREN’S OFFERING

The Children’s Offering for the month of January will be going to a local mission.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Follow the Star” - David Lyons

WORD OF GOD

Micah 5:2-4

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*DOXOLOGY No. 87 vs. 4

These gifts we now bring, these presents, these tokens,
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing!
This song we now offer in honor and praise!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

*HYMN No. 117

“A Hymn for New Year”

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

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

“Wise Men Still Seek Him”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Intinction

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT

All are welcome to the table of our Lord

*HYMN No. 251

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*BENEDICTION

*MUSIC OF PARTING

“Glorious Light”



Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are in memory of Bill and Elaine Mays’s wedding anniversary. From their daughter Renee Martz.

ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE

Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin

Music Leader - David Lyons

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC

Saturday Evening - 13

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 75 10:45 a.m. - 50

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 15

*** PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.**



We need your help! We at First United Methodist Church in Irwin have a tremendous facility that has been serving the Irwin and surrounding communities for over one hundred years. We presently have 47 Ministries existing within the body of FUMC utilizing talents in the way God is calling you to do. Our complete list is available at:

<https://www.irwinfirstumc.org/groups/committees/finance>

The challenge with our facility is keeping it in the condition necessary to continue to serve our community. Presently \$30,000 is needed to repair the slate on the main portion of the roof and replace 2 of our flat roofs. We are asking for donations within our church and community to help continue our mission:

"The First U.M. Church of Irwin exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are a community of believers, centered on Christ, united by God's love, and empowered by the Holy Spirit"

Please contribute what God is calling you to help us with our Raise our Roof Campaign. You can either fill out the information on the bottom of the form and drop it off in the church office or offering plate and/or contribute online by credit card at

<https://www.irwinfirstumc.org/fundraisers> . **Each donation will be matched through our capital improvements matching fund previously established by one of our benefactors.** Thank you.

God Loves You and So Do We!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Donation Amount _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Sunday, January 1



A season of silence follows the bustle immediately following the Birth. Little is recorded in the interim until the arrival of the Wise Men's throng. As was Judaic law, Christ was circumcised on the eighth day and he was officially named, Jesus. Then Mary & Joseph took two turtledoves to the priest as a purification offering. Our scene shows the caged doves at the ready. The

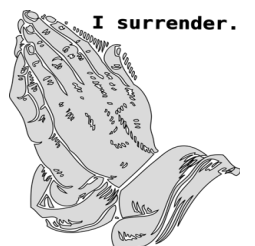
shepherds continued to recount their experience to all who would listen. Undoubtedly some scoffed at their claims. Shepherds? Surely not shepherds. Why would they be selected for such an encounter? The citizenry had to wonder at what they witnessed and the tales which were told. The wise men finally reached the apex of their journey and bypassed King Herod on their return travels. Realizing he'd been duped, the king was so angry he ordered all males two years or younger be put to death. His recollection of the Wise Men's travelogue indicated that they'd been on the road for quite awhile. Herod was nothing if not thorough in his cruelty. So, he decreed mass murder of those in the age range which seemed probable. *Matthew 2* tells of the arrival of the Wise Men at a house. Mary & Joseph had taken up residence. Scholars debate about what is left unsaid in the scriptures. Was Jesus a toddler when He met them? Or, older? And, how many Wise Men were there? The Word lists the gifts which were presented. Gold ~ a gift for royalty. Frankincense ~ a gift of deity. Myrrh ~ a spice of anointing for burial. Three meaningful gifts. Three Wise Men? The true count is lost to the annals of time. But, does it matter? All of the prophecies were fulfilled. People from the meekest to the most revered were caught up in the plotline of the Greatest Story. Each individual now had a choice. Invite the Babe into the home of their heart. Live their lives as witnesses to the transformative exchange with the divine. Go back to the commonplace and mundane. But, it would nevermore be the same. The extraordinary invaded the ordinary. Indeed, glory to God in the highest!

Anybody Welcome

The Sanctuary is open and available for prayer and meditation.

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Please sign in and out on the volunteer sheet found on the office half door.



- Unhanging of the Greens will start the week of January 8, for anyone willing to help with taking down decorations.
- Multiple Ushers are needed. If you are interested in being an Usher, please reach out to the office. 724 863 6858.
- Flower sponsors are needed, contact Alice Hubert or the church office to purchase altar flowers.
- Friendly reminder to please return the green vases to the church office after picking up your altar flowers.

The Music of Preparation “ See You Never, the Twilight” and the Music of Parting “Glorious Light” both have poems which inspired them.

Below are the poems for the two songs used in today’s service.

Saw You Never, in the Twilight

Saw you never, in the twilight,
 When the sun had left the skies,
 Up in heav’n the clear stars
 shining
 Through the gloom, like silver
 eyes?
 So of old the wise men, watching,
 Saw a little stranger star,
 And they knew the King was
 given,
 And they followed it from afar.
 -Cecil Frances Alexander

Glorious Light

Long has the world fought the song of the
 angels:
 Heavenly music is drowned by a warring
 world;
 Yet hope burns a light that shatters the
 night;
 Turn your heart to the call of glory!
 -Keith and Kristyn Getty and Ian Hannah



SALVATION ARMY DIRECT NUMBER - 724-331-7832. If you know of anyone in need of our services please do not hesitate to call.

New Year's Word Search



J A N U A R Y F R I E N A C E
 F R I E N D S Y A S R I L A H
 N E Y S E R T I E M O W B L C
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| BABY | FAMILY | RESOLUTION |
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| CALENDAR | HAPPY | |
| CELEBRATION | JANUARY | |
| CLOCK | MIDNIGHT | |
| CONFETTI | NEW YEAR | |
| COUNTDOWN | NOISEMAKER | |
| EVE | PARTY | |

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THIS WEEK AT IRWIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of pastoral care.

His contact information is as follows: 724-747-6098 (call or text) -
preacherptl@gmail.com

Sunday, January 1

10:00 a.m. - New Years Day Worship Service

Monday, January 2

Office Closed

9:00 a.m. - Quilting

6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts

7:00 p.m. - Dartball

Tuesday, January 3

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center

6:00 p.m. - Basketball

7:30 p.m. - NA

Wednesday, January 4

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center

10:00 a.m. - Quality Control meeting

1:00 p.m. - Bible Study

Zoom Meeting ID# 894 9312 8220, Password: 104289

5:00 p.m. - Youth Group

7:00 p.m. - Zoom Prayer Group Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password: 3U22u3

7:00 p.m. - AA

Thursday, January 5

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts

6:00 p.m. - Basketball

6:15 p.m. - Cathedral Bells

6:30 p.m. - NA

7:15 p.m. - Choir

Friday, January 6

Have a Great Weekend!

Saturday, January 7

6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship

Sunday, January 8

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service

10:45 a.m. - Worship Service

6:00 p.m. - Volleyball

HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS - If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from Pastor Bruce, please call the office or you may call/message Pastor Bruce directly at 724-747-6098. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he does not know there is a need.*



IN PERSONAL CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES

Lois K. - Ridgeview Residential Care, Wanda H. - Walden View; Mary Greene & James R., Sr. - St. Anne's Home, Greensburg; Altozoe S. - Hempfield Manor.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER

Nellie W., Julie W., William S., Baby Franklin R., Tim F., Joyce T., John D., Ed b., Teagan S., Renee, Judy, Heather, Kristi R., Barbara G., Terry and Deb Y., Diana M., John D., Mike P., Kate G., Cindy M., Ed D., Betty Jo M., Eric S., Kathy S., Floyd, Rose D., Connie P., Jane, Rob F., Renee E., Finn, Sandy D., Connie B., Sandye C., Daryl S., Jamie, Peg and Lamont, Pat C., Marlene W., Al M., Jennifer H., Lilly, Ronnie L., Gary E., Molly A., Mary and Dan G., Maria B., Ed B., Jonathan and Felicia W., Bob and Judie M., Dorothy A., Patti W., Josh A., Donna W., Vi N., Sandy L., Linda K., Larry R., Jule K., Mark L., Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Cheryl and John M., Tim and Diane N., Rick H., Marlin A. and Nancy P., Joe S., Joe L., Virginia, Jennifer N., Curt E., Valerie M., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Dean and Dorothy, Rose N., Sara C., Fred and Barb S., Mischa and Suzanne S., Diane B., John G., Noah C., Craig C., Red, Dawn, Amy P., Chuck K., Pat M., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura, Dave W., Kim V., Dorothy A., Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Lesley K., Debbie N., Cliff R., Penny and Jerry M., Ron M., Father John Moineau, Shirley B., Brandon G. and **Missionaries:** Bob & Natalie F. and Family (India), John and Diane K. (Mexico) and Connie Wieck.

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.

Cindy F., Rita, Michael and Stephanie G., Bella D., Steve J., Neil and Alma, our world, Military and First Responders, our Country and Leaders, job situations and those traveling.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Joe P., William R., Tanner G., Tim N., Brandon D., Colby S., Angelo W., Nicholas P., David J., Amanda M., James G., Emery M., Makayla L., Mark R., Sara D., Jeremy L., Carl B., Dylan A., Thomas C. and Edward J. III.



Every year we are asked to provide the Director of Connectional Ministries and the Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Team with a list of both clergy and laity who are willing to give of their time to serve on a variety of conference committees. Once again, I am writing this year to ask that if you are willing and interested in serving on any of the committees and boards listed, or if any of the laity in your congregations are willing to serve, to please send me names and contact information no later than December 23, 2022.

The following committees and boards have openings:

Conference Connectional Leadership Team, Connectional Nurture Ministries Team, Connectional Outreach Ministries Team, Connectional Witness Ministries Team, Archives and History, Camping and Retreats Ministries Corporations, Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, Church and Society, Communications, Conference Rules Team, Conference Sessions Team: Implementation Task Team (for information only), Arrangements Sub-Team, Legislative Sub-Team, Program Sub-Team, Children and Youth Sub-Team, Disability Concerns, Discipleship, Episcopacy, Equitable Compensation, Ethnic Local Church Concern, Native American Ministry Sub-team, Anti-Racism Team, Evangelism, Council on Finance and Administration, Global Ministries, Higher Education and Campus Ministries, Conference Board of Laity, Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Team, Board of Ordained Ministry, Parish and Community Development, Pensions, Personnel Team, Poverty Team, Religion and Race, Commission on Status and Role of Women, Trustees United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, Council on Young Adult Ministry, Conference Council on Youth Ministry, At The Lake Ministries, All of our Conference Boards of Directors

Please announce this in your worship services and include this information in your bulletins so that interested individuals would be able to inform you of their willingness to serve. Thank you for your attention to this much needed ministry and service to the annual conference.

Blessings and thank you again,

Rev. Paul E. Ritchey
Greensburg District Superintendent,
(724) 461-7178 Office
(724) 599-7930 Cell

Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church



Hello pastors, churches, admins, and Liz,

The Greensburg District's Anti-Racism Team is once again hosting a Martin Luther King Jr service on January 15, 2023 at 4pm at Monroeville UMC. This year we are hoping to increase attendance and we need your help. Below is short write-up about the event and our guest speaker, Dr. Cynthia A. Bond Hopson, along with a flyer.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would add this information to your newsletter, bulletin, message wall, bulletin board, or any other way you share information with your congregation. If you think of anything else that would be helpful to share please let me know!

Thank you,
Patty Boyer
Greensburg District Administrative Assistant

The Greensburg District of the WPAUMC invites you to the annual Martin Luther King Jr Service on January 15, 2023, at 4:00 pm at Monroeville United Methodist Church, 219 Center Road, Monroeville PA 15146

Our featured speaker is the gifted and dynamic Dr. Cynthia A. Bond Hopson. Dr. Bond Hopson is Chief Equity Officer and Assistant General Secretary of the Black College Fund (BCF) at the United Methodist Church's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville, TN where she lives.

She received a B.A. in Mass Communications from Clark College; an M.S. in Journalism from Murray (KY) State University, and a Ph.D. in Journalism from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Dr. Bond Hopson is the author of eight books including the marriage devotion *I Do... Everyday: Wisdom for Newlyweds and Not-So Newlyweds*, co-authored with her late husband Rev. Roger A. Hopson. Read her blog, listen to her podcast, and stay connected with her at www.drbondhopson.com

Dr. Bond Hopson will inspire us to live into the values of being prophets and offer ourselves to transform our communities and world.

All are welcome to attend the special service on January 15, 2023, at 4:00 pm at Monroeville UMC, 219 Center Road, Monroeville, PA 15146.

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